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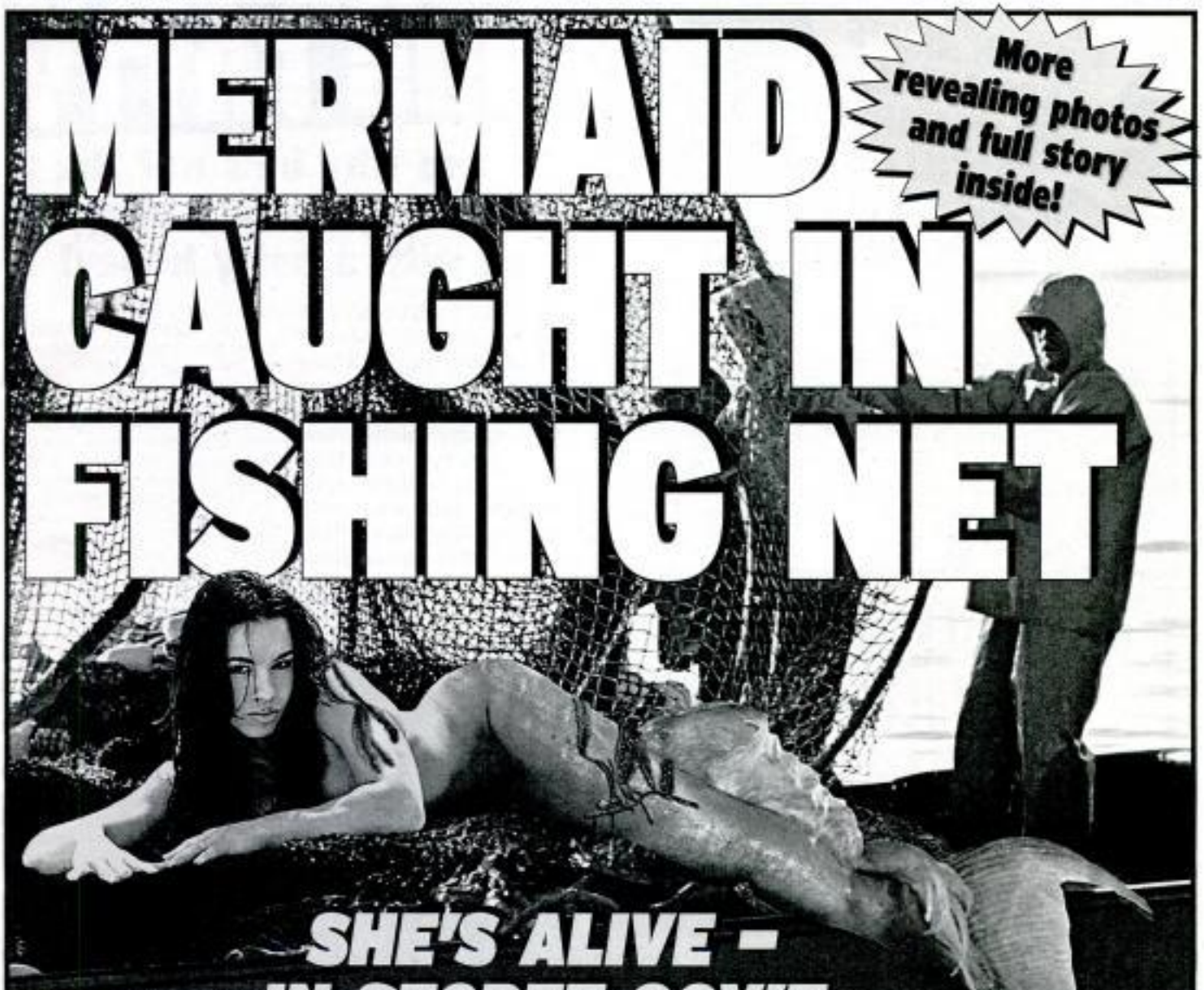

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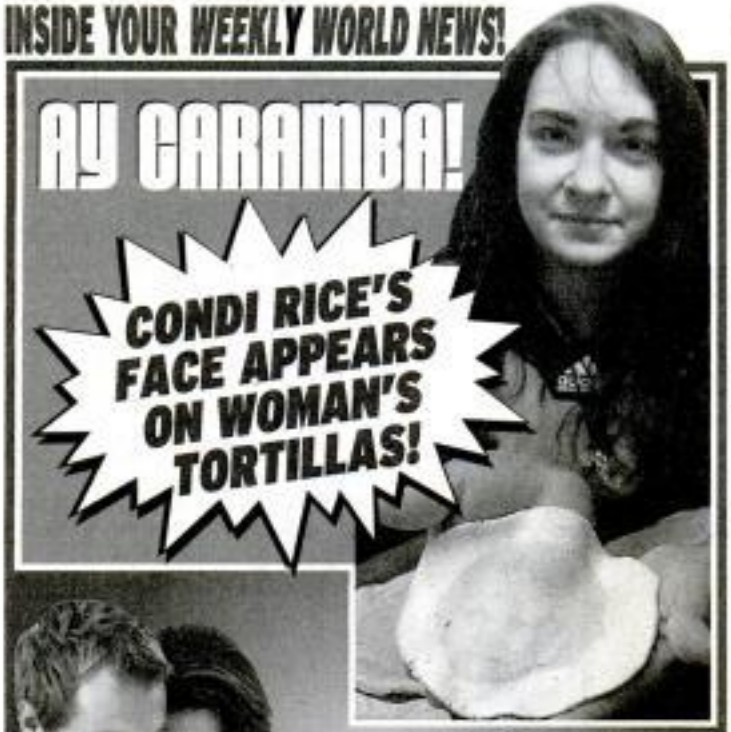

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WHY THIS HUNK WED THIS FATTY

– and why he's not the only gorgeous guy hooking up with a hefty honey!

ULTRA HUNKY Tim Casell, Mark James and Sean Stone wooed, won and married three of the unsightliest gals on the planet, and now, for the first time ever, the famed male models tell why wild horses couldn't drag them away from their hideous honeys.

If you're on the plain side yourself, be forewarned — their reasons for "going ugly," as Stone puts it, just might stick in your craw.

They didn't marry the gals because they're beautiful on the inside, for their keen intelligence, or for their thoughtful opinions on big issues and world events.

They're simply convinced that homely babes are truer and bluer than hot babes, more eager to please — and wildcats in the bedroom.

"I knew my ugly girl would be true to me forever and I'd never have to pay her off in a nasty divorce," says Casell. "She couldn't stray if she wanted to because — let's face it — most guys think she's pretty disgusting. Another thing I like is that she's on the chubby side, which makes her happy and jolly."

"My Plain Jane is a fabulous cook and she worships the ground I walk on," says James. "And she's so thrilled to have won a prize like me, she'll do anything I tell her to do — she even washes my car."

"Ugly girls are better lovers because they're desperate and try harder," adds Stone. "And my lardy lady is so fat, every love session is like a threesome."

If those assessments seem harsh, the ladies the hunks married say they couldn't care less. They swear up and down they're living in hog heaven with their Perfect 10 men.

"When the Good Lord gave out looks I must have been shoveling manure out behind the barn," horse-faced Belinda Stone says in a lively interview at her sprawling waterfront penthouse on Miami's trendy South Beach.

"All my life, people made fun of me. They called me horrible names and they laughed at me behind my back.

"That gave me a thick skin so

By NEALE SAREK
Correspondent

HAPPY COUPLE: Male model Sean Stone has no plans to ever leave his plump princess, Belinda. "She worships the ground I walk on," says Sean.

things like that don't bother me anymore. And now that I've married one of the sexiest men on the planet, hey — eat your heart out, girls.

"While you're slogging off to the secretarial pool tomorrow morning, I'll be sunning my big fat buns on the beach. And when Sean gets home from a photo shoot about 2-ish, well, who knows? A little sack action might be on the menu if he's a good boy."

Mary Casell of New York City says she wouldn't change a thing in her relationship, either.

Keeping a smile on her stud muffin's face by "playing the clown and acting like a fat idiot," she advises, "is a small price to pay for the love and affection he lavishes on me."

Cindy James, who "just adores the new mansion" her model hubby bought for her in Beverly Hills, says she loves cooking for him "and you're damn right I'll wash my man's car if he wants me to.

"My mama didn't raise no fool. Honey, I've got it made. And yes, I could just palm that car wash off on

GUY & FAT GAL SIGHTINGS

Hooking up with fat gals may be a trend in Hollywood, too. Below are some shots of some well-known guys with some well-fed ladies.

Tom Arnold & Roseanne

Actor Charles Divins & Kimberly Locke

Stedman Graham & Oprah Winfrey

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BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

MOM DOES HER OWN C-SECTION

ASTOUNDED docs say a Mexican woman delivered her own baby — by doing an emergency Caesarean section on herself!

The 40-year-old woman went into labor with her ninth child and was all alone in her dirt-floor house, which has no electricity or running water, according to a report in the March issue of the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*.

When problems developed, the report says, the woman took a knife and cut into her own stomach and removed the baby. One of her other children ran for a local nurse, who stitched up the incision and got the tough mom and her newborn to a hospital. Both are in good condition.

"She was asked, 'Why did you do that? Do you know that you could have died?' " says Dr. Rafael Valle, a Northwestern University obstetrician who wrote the journal report. "She said, 'Yes, but I wanted to save my baby.'

"This is heroic to me."

SURVEY: SINGLE GALS ARE SANER THAN MARRIED WOMEN

LADIES, you must be nuts to get married — it's a scientific fact!

Researchers at the University of London say single gals are much more emotionally healthy than their married girlfriends. Their mental state also is better than that of women who've broken up with boyfriends, especially if the lovelorn ladies have had a series of broken relationships.

The results of the British Household Panel Survey found that the opposite is true for men: They're better off mentally while they're in a relationship, and they recover from breakups faster than women do.

OPEN-MOUTH URINAL IDEA GETS FLUSHED

VIRGIN ATLANTIC'S plans for urinals shaped like a woman's open mouth at its new clubhouse at New York's JFK Airport have gone down the tubes, after PO'd feminists complained the idea was in bad taste.

"Everyone at Virgin Atlantic was very sorry to hear of people's con-

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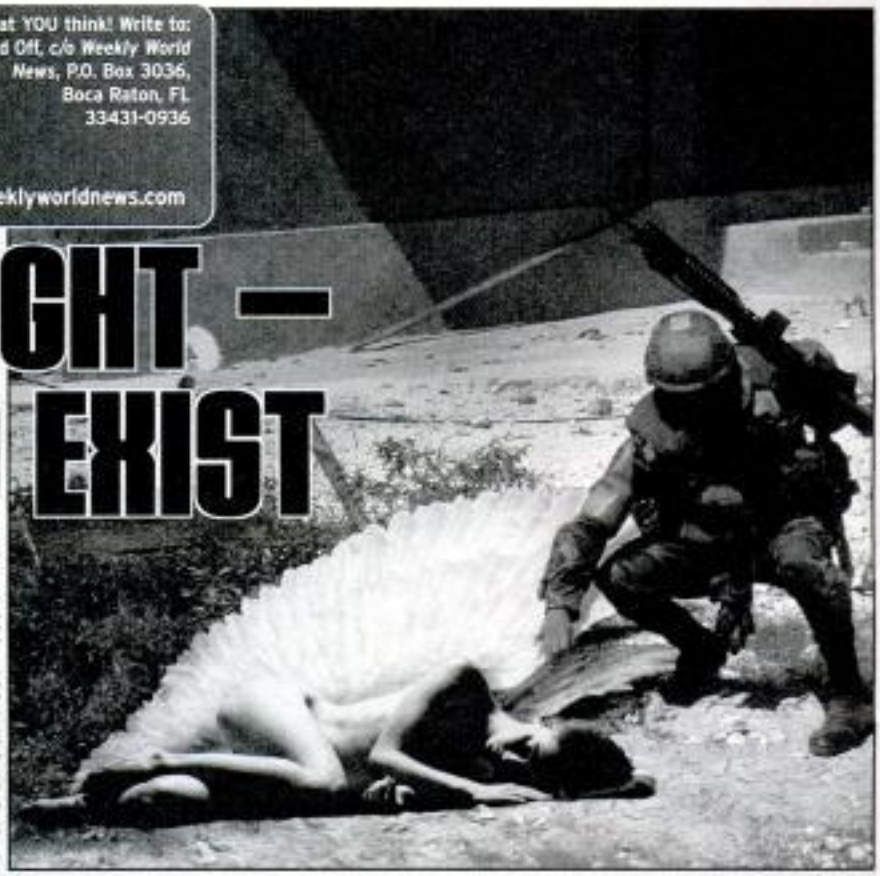
WWN IS RIGHT — ANGELS DO EXIST



DEAR EDITOR: Your article about the angel that was accidentally shot down in Iraq (April 26, 2004) reminds me of a true incident my Uncle Frank, a retired police officer, once experienced.

Frank had been on the Kansas City police force for only three weeks when he found himself in a very dangerous situation. A psychotic man, armed to the teeth with various guns and rifles, had holed himself up in his house and was randomly firing shots through the front window at passersby. He'd already hit and wounded three people, one fatally, when Frank, responding to a call from a neighbor, arrived on the scene.

Just as Frank pulled up, a young boy, oblivious to what was going on, came running by. Frank instinctively dove out from his police car to grab the boy and get him to safety, and at that moment the madman fired, putting a bullet through Frank's midsection.

Frank says he remembers lying on the ground for a few moments, and then looking up to see a tall, casually dressed man leaning over him. Frank tried to tell the man to run for cover, but the man said, "Don't worry, you and the boy will be all right."

The mysterious stranger then dragged both Frank and the boy to safety, and promptly disappeared.

To this day, Uncle Frank is convinced that his rescuer was an angel, and I'm inclined to believe him! — Lily H., Sheboygan, Wisc.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: In regard to the article about Martha Stewart's prison cell (April 12, 2004), why does the writer have to make so many derogatory remarks about the Elvis wall hanging? Some Elvis fans may well like this sort of painting.

Why doesn't the writer (Vickie York) keep her obviously personal opinions about Elvis, his fans, and related memorabilia out of the story?! I resent when a writer seems to think they must refer to Elvis art as tacky and tasteless and disgusting. For that matter, it could be that Martha herself is an Elvis fan too! (How would the writer know?) — Mary L., Madison, Wisc.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: I just read your story about Brenda Lintern, the young woman who was impregnated by an unknown man at a party. What's wrong with the young men and women in today's world, with their lifestyles of "I'll do it my way — after all, it's the 21st century!" It's just so heartbreaking for old grandmas like me to hear so many stories these days of unwanted, unplanned, unsupervised, underfed, and under-loved children.

If the man who fathered Brenda Lintern's baby doesn't have the backbone to step forward and take responsibility, he will miss out on the tremendous hugs, love and laughter that come with being a parent. I pray he reads this letter! — Lily S., Dallas, Texas

Letter of the Week

Dear Sirs:

Two articles caught my eye in your April 19 issue:

"Ban Girls With Implants From Wet T-shirt Contests." I agree with this sentiment. Speaking for myself, I like to see real breasts, not fake ones. Maybe there should be two kinds of contests, one for girls with real breasts and another featuring the fake variety.

"How Can You Tell If Your Husband Is Possessed?" According to your story, men who leave the toilet seat up and walk around in their jockey shorts are probably possessed. But I do those very things, and so do my male friends and co-workers. Maybe we're all pos-

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Super tips for a sizzlin' summer!

HOW TO SQUEEZE INTO A BIKINI THAT'S TWO SIZES TOO SMALL

By DARYL BECK
Correspondent

HEY, LADIES — you can squeeze into a bikini that's two sizes too small and save the $100 you'd have to fork out for a new one, with tips from a leading expert.

"It's easy and fun," says beauty expert Shara Zadora.

If you fit the profile of the typical American woman, says Zadora, your swimsuit will be two sizes too small thanks to the 12 to 15 pounds you packed on over the winter.

"All you have to do is gather up a few items that just about everyone has lying around the house — things like a broomstick, a long-handled shoe horn, lard, fatback, butter, a yoga mat, and lots of plastic wrap."

Here, exclusively for *Weekly World News*, is the Boston-based author's special 5-point plan to help you squeeze into last year's bikini.

1 Start early. Slipping into your too-teeny bikini will be much easier if you start the minute you roll out of bed. "Don't forget," says Zadora, "that we're all just a little bit skinnier when we awaken in the morning because gravity flattens and repositions fat while we sleep."

2 Work fast. Once up, gather your tools and get to work. Start by greasing yourself with butter, lard, petroleum jelly, fatback or any other lubricant you like.

"When you're fully covered and slippery as an eel," says the expert, "wrap your bottom and breasts with strong plastic wrap in the same way you'd wrap yourself in a towel or a sarong.

"Don't yank it so tight that you cut off circulation and hurt yourself. Snug is good enough. Watch the clock for five minutes, then, with your fat maximally compressed, move on to Step 3."

3 Quickly peel off the plastic wrap and step into your one-piece or pre-tied bikini bottom one foot at a time.

Now, pull the bottom straight up with all the "oomph" you can muster.

With your fat compressed and your lubricant cutting back on resistance, the bikini just might slip right into place.

4 Pull your pre-tied bikini top down over your head and position it over your breasts as completely as you can. Again, fat compression and your lubricant should make the job doable. As with your bikini bottom, if it's not hanging just right, simply move on to Step 5.

5 Wedge your broomstick or a long-handled shoe horn between yourself and your bikini bottom. Once in position, push the stick or shoehorn away from your body. This will gently stretch the bikini, allowing you to position it for full coverage.

Do this as many times and in as many places as necessary to get the right fit.

Then go to work on your top.

"Depending on your body type, it might be

SHE'S FLEXIBLE

TONED, trim Tamara is an athlete who's trained for the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Team, and we're not surprised after checking out her fit form: She's a compact 5-foot-3 and measures 36DD-24-35. The blue-eyed blonde also has appeared in many magazines and on catalog covers. She likes Italian food and old-fashioned guys who are a little

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

AY CARAMBA!

By MIGUEL FIGUEROA
Correspondent

STUNNED housewife Maria Sanchez-Zaragoza has always been a skilled tortilla maker, but these are her most amazing yet!

CONDI'S FACE APPEARS ON HER TORTILLAS!

. . . IS THIS A WARNING OR A MIRACLE?

A NEW MEXICO housewife says every time she cooks tortillas, they form the face of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice!

"What does this mean?" asks frazzled Maria Sanchez-Zaragoza, 37. "Are the tortillas trying to tell me something — or is it a miracle?"

Experts who've looked into the case say the tortillas have not been tampered with in any way, and the image of Condi is amazingly sharp.

"You could call these the Holy Shroud of Turin of tortillas — enigmatic, strange, revealing no secrets," says one scientist. "It's very puzzling."

Concerned researchers say the Condi image could be a warning about an impending terrorist attack on the U.S.

"What better image than that of Condoleezza on a humble tortilla to warn us of imminent disaster?" says paranormal investigator Dr. Susan Rassiter of Los Alamos, N.M. "How much clearer a sign could we expect — do we need to see a mushroom cloud on a tortilla before we get the message and act?"

Maria has been making tortillas for years and proudly says that hers are considered the best in the Carlsbad neighborhood where she lives with her husband and four children. But until March 12, no uncanny images had ever emerged on her food.

She recalls: "I was kneading dough for a fresh batch of tortillas when my 6-year-old son Julio came into the kitchen holding one I had made earlier that day and said, 'Mama, look, look, this tortilla looks just like that lady on TV.'

"I took it from him and held it up to the light, ready to laugh — but it really did look like the president's assistant, Miss Condoleezza. It even had those little teeth of hers that stick out like a chipmunk's.

"At first I wasn't worried, but when the next batch came out, every single tortilla looked like her too. I crossed myself and took them right to the priest."

After ascertaining that no devilry was involved, the clergyman contacted university experts, who launched an investigation.

The scientists, who had Maria repeat her tortilla-making process under controlled laboratory conditions, confirm that the homemaker is doing nothing to deliberately shape the surface of the tortillas.

"The odds against more than 240 tortillas in a row coming out resembling the same individual are astro-

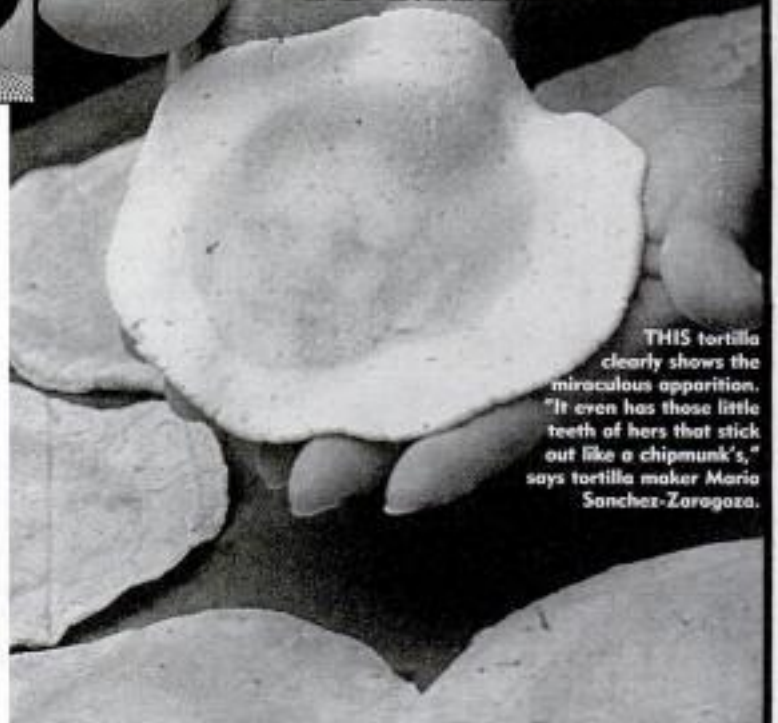
IS GOD speaking through the White House's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice?

product of chance would be asinine."

This isn't the first time that unusual images have appeared on tortillas. Over the past 20 years, the faces of many famous individuals, including Mikhail Gorbachav, Jimmy Hoffa, Mother Teresa and even the Virgin Mary, have reportedly shown up on the traditional Mexican dish.

To the faithful, such manifestations are often taken as signs from God. And in this case, since Dr. Rice is so closely associated with America's war on terror, experts fear it could be a warning from the Almighty.

"Perhaps the choice of the tortilla is a clue that the next terrorist strike will come from Mexico," Dr. Rassiter says. "We've contacted the White House to suggest that



THIS tortilla clearly shows the miraculous apparition. "It even has those little teeth of hers that stick out like a chipmunk's," says tortilla maker Maria Sanchez-Zaragoza.

Coalition forces bring in the heavy artillery . . .

By TED CANNADY
Correspondent

WORLD'S FATTEST MAN GOES TO WAR IN IRAQ

TWO-TON patriot Buster Simcus says he's proud to serve the nation that has given him "food on the table and freedom to eat it."

4,028-LB. VET VOWS TO HELP OUR BOYS CRUSH THE TERRORISTS

BLUBBERY Buster the Fat Man has vowed to make Iraq safe for democracy by single-handedly crushing the fanatical thugs, gangs and insurgents who are trying to throw the troubled country into chaos.

And grateful U.S. troops who've been hamstrung in their attempts to find and kill enemies who hide in densely populated cities are sky-high over the appearance of the rotund Rambo in the dangerously unpredictable Iraqi theater.

It isn't the first time 4,028-pound Buster Simcus, 54, has risked his own life to help people in need.

In 2001, the burly Vietnam veteran saved a family from drowning by using his big belly to bump their runaway SUV out of a murky lake.

Before jetting to Baghdad on April 8, armed, friends say, with a Swiss army knife and a pair of pearl-handled .45-caliber revolvers, soft-spoken Simcus bravely vowed to unleash "the wrath of fat" on Iraqi insurgents "so we can win the peace and bring our troops home."

"Enough is enough — I can't take it anymore," the fat man told wife Jeanette Simcus in a cell-phone call from Baghdad before he vanished in a sea of Arabs.

"Somebody has to clean up this mess for Uncle Sam, and that somebody is me. I owe it to the country that has given me the two most precious gifts a man can ask for — food on the table and the freedom to eat it."

Neither the Pentagon nor the Department of Defense will discuss Simcus' decision to embark on his unauthorized, one-man crusade in the war-ravaged country.

But insiders admit that behind closed doors, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Pentagon's Gen. Richard Myers are hoping and praying the scale-crunching soldier of fortune will succeed where regular troops and diplomacy have failed.

"Rumsfeld and Myers have been waiting for a Rambo to step up to the edge of Simcus — either that, or they'll condemn him as a vigilante.

"But in private, they're high-fiving with some of the highest vertical leaps I've seen since the Supreme Court snatched the 2000 presidential election from Al Gore and gave the White House to George Bush."

It's unclear exactly where Simcus is at this point, although it's certain that he is somewhere in Iraq and on the prowl for insurgents wherever he can find them.

Although big and bulky, he is known to be quick on his feet — and he trained like Rocky in preparation.

"Once Buster decided to risk his life to break through the stalemate in Iraq, he trained with a vengeance," says a friend. "Instead of eating like a sumo, he started eating like two sumos. He dyed his hair black. He grew a long, salt-and-pepper beard. move around Iraq without arousing suspicion would be to look like an Iraqi.

"When he finds an insurgent, Buster's going to do one of two things: Blow the bum away with one of his .45s, or fling him to the ground and sit on him. Don't laugh. Buster weighs over 4,000 pounds.

"I've seen him pop the shocks on an SUV just climbing into the passenger seat. Can you imagine what that kind of brute power would do to your rib cage — or your skull?"

Simcus' wife, Jeanette, has declined repeated interview requests. But in a statement issued by a family friend, she said she is "proud of Buster and what he hopes to accomplish in Iraq.

"When Buster makes up his mind to do something, he won't stop until the job is finished. I just hope those

FACE ON MARS IS CRYING!

ASTONISHED astronomers say that the famous Face on Mars is crying! New images taken by the famous Van Eyck Observatory in South Africa appear to show tears streaming from the eyes of the enigmatic helmeted figure. Experts don't know what to make

I MARRIED AN INFLATABLE DOLL

– but divorced her when she sprang a leak!

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

QUIRKY Kevin Perlock made headlines back in January when he tied the knot with his inflatable love doll Suzy.

But the weird romance went bust when the blown-up bride sprang a leak — and now her heartbroken hubby is filing for divorce!

Perlock, 29, cited "irreconcilable differences" last week when he filed court papers formally severing his union with his nearly life-size latex wife.

"The worst part was watching Suzy's body — which used to be tight as a drum — sag more and more each day until she looked like a deflated beach ball," says Perlock, of Brisbane, Australia.

"And the hiss of the departing air sounded like she was suffering from chronic flatulence. In restaurants and movie theaters, people would turn and stare at her.

"Finally, I just couldn't take it anymore."

The breakup comes as a surprise to the more than 250 friends and relatives who attended the formal ceremony on January 18.

"Call me a sentimental old fool, but I really thought this one was going to last," says Perlock's aunt, Christine Whitaker.

The record-store employee admits he sent away for the $39 love doll he saw advertised in a men's magazine out of pure desperation.

"I had caught my last girlfriend in bed with my cousin and I was disillusioned about women in general," he reveals.

"Suzy turned out to be totally different from the two girls I'd dated. She wasn't bossy — she let me be the man and take charge. And of course, I could trust her not to cheat on me."

HEARTBROKEN Kevin Perlock's wedded bliss lasted only as long as the air inside his love doll.

Perlock listed other reasons why his doll was a better partner than a flesh-and-blood female. Among them, she:

- Never complains about you leaving the toilet seat up.
- Isn't squeamish about sexual experimentation.
- Doesn't waste money on expensive clothes.
- Never whines about "looking too fat."
- Doesn't go ballistic if she catches you eyeballing a pretty gal.
- Doesn't insist on long chats about "our relationship."
- Lets you watch sports on TV instead of chick flicks.

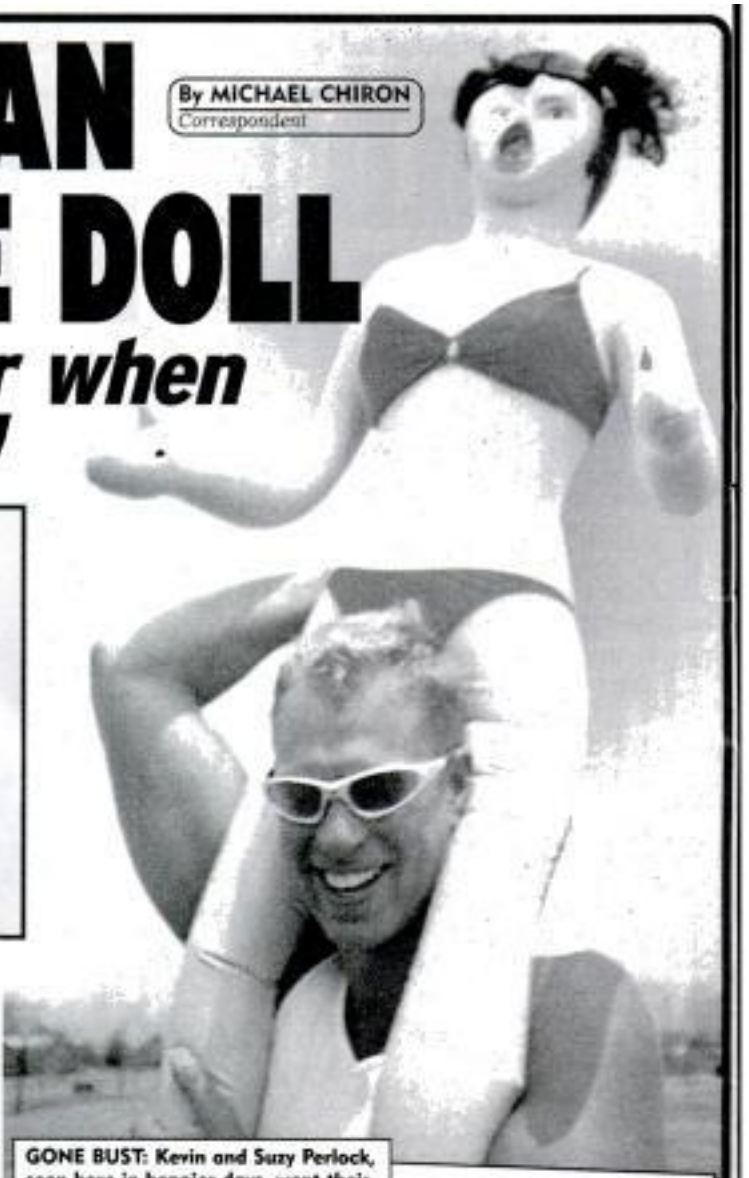
Perlock says that working up the courage to pop the question took several weeks.

"I finally did it over a candlelight dinner," he recalls.

Perlock admits his buddies laughed their butts off when he introduced Suzy as his fiancee.

"I realized that they were jealous of what we had and I dumped them as friends," he says.

The honeymoon period was "blissful," according to Perlock. But when Suzy began leaking after an afternoon of nuzzling in a piney meadow during a romantic picnic, that took the wind out of their sails.



GONE BUST: Kevin and Suzy Perlock, seen here in happier days, went their separate ways after she sprang an embarrassing slow leak.

the situation.

"I tried glue, tape — nothing could stop the leak," he says. After applying to dissolve the creepy marriage, Perlock tearfully dumped his bride in a trash bin. He has since sent away for a replacement, taking advantage of the manufacturer's one-year warranty. But the rubber doll-loving Romeo remains gloomy.

"No one can take the place of Suzy," Perlock says. "I'm beginning to think I'm just not lucky in love."

HEALTH ADVISORY

NORWEGIAN physicians who published "Transmission of Gonorrhea Through an Inflatable Doll" in the journal Genitourinary Medicine sailor's quarters and borrowed "a piece of [tainted] equipment."

One of the doll docs offered this piece of cautionary advice: "When you date an inflatable doll, you're

10 FAULTS THAT MAKE MEN REPULSIVE!

By JAYNE STEMPLE/Correspondent

GUYS — can't get a date? Do women seem to hate you? Maybe it's because you're REPULSIVE!

Behavioral scientists have identified the 10 most common male traits and habits that make women cringe. The more of them you exhibit, the more likely you are to send a gal screaming into the arms of someone who doesn't disgust her.

Here are the signs and how you can change — and score with chicks like never before.

1 YOU STINK. Dousing yourself with cologne after a workout or a hard game of basketball just makes you smell like cologne-scented garbage. Hit the shower.

2 YOU'RE A FAT SLOB. Why do you think the girls at work run to the rest room every time you walk by? If you have so much belly hanging over your pants that people are asking you what you're naming the baby, it's time for a diet — or at least some bigger pants.

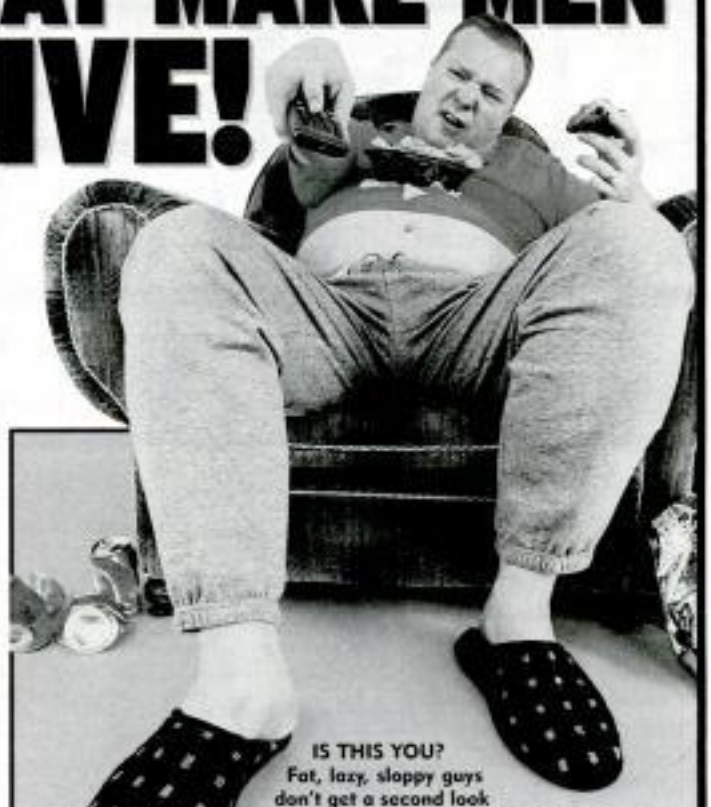
3 YOU BELCH LIKE A BUZZ SAW. No one over age 12 — least of all a pretty girl — is entertained by someone who can burp the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 YOU SCRATCH YOURSELF IN PUBLIC, in places no one wants to know about — much less see. Find a closet. Or, better yet, a nice dark alley.

5 YOU'RE A PIG AT THE POOL. The next time you go swimming in those baggy trunks, remember one word: Jockstrap.

6 YOU TELL RUDE JOKES, and always at the worst times. Save the limericks about Nantucket for your bar buddies, NOT your grandmother's funeral.

7 YOU HAVE NO MORALS. Maybe the blind guy couldn't tell that you only gave him $1, instead of the $10 you claimed. But everyone else could. Start making amends to all the people you've ripped off, before it's too late.



IS THIS YOU? Fat, lazy, sloppy guys don't get a second look from pretty women — because the gals are too busy trying not to throw up!

8 YOUR COMB-OVER IS SCARING PEOPLE. Everyone knows you're losing your hair, so stop pretending. At least wear a hat on windy days so that thing on your head doesn't look like it's waving to everyone you meet.

9 YOU'RE CHEAP. Next time you go out to lunch, go to the men's room after the check comes, and shock everyone by paying it. And don't forget: The bare-minimum tip is 15 percent, not 1.5 percent.

10 YOU BITE YOUR NAILS. And you spit them into the trash can across the room. Have you ever wondered why no one cheers when you yell, "Two points! The crowd goes wild!" after you make the basket?

DEADLY PIRANHA FOUND IN KIDS' PETTING POOL

STAFFERS at a Berlin aquarium were horrified when they found a live piranha in the facility's petting pool for children! The fierce, flesh-devouring Amazon native was busily biting chunks out of other fish when it was discovered, curator Rainer Kaiser told the German newspaper *Bild*.

Kaiser says it's not clear how the dangerous carnivore got into the pool — where children daily stick in their hands to touch goldfish and other harmless sea creatures. But he noted that in the past other exotic fish had been left in the pool "by people wanting to get rid of them but who didn't dare flush them down the toilet."

The Adventures of BAT BOY!

by P. Bagge '04

Nude female welder . . . blind electrician . . .

MEET THE WORLD'S BRAVEST WORKERS

By STARR SAMSON
Correspondent

THE WORLD'S bravest workers aren't firefighters or cops. They're ordinary men and women who rely on gritty determination and sheer force of will to crawl out of bed every morning and head off to the job in spite of physical and mental challenges that will blow you away.

They're an inspiration to every man, woman & child in America!

That's the word from famed corporate headhunter Ralph DeBoise, who says the winners of his 27th annual World's Most Courageous Workers contest include:

● A legless "human stump" wildlife photographer who specializes in close-up shots of hungry lions. "So far, so good — I haven't been attacked," he says. "If one of them ever lunges, I can always roll over and play dead."

● A shuffling, shaking Parkinson's disease victim who works in a nitroglycerin plant. "If you drop a bottle of nitro it'll blow you to kingdom come," he says. "That's why I wear those little rubber fingertips that secretaries use to sort mail. They help me keep a good grip."

● A lockjaw victim who sits on beaches with his head leaned back — and mouth wide open — counting seagulls for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Yeah, they poop a lot," he says. "But for every direct hit, there must be 10 or 12 misses. That gives me hope — and the strength to go on."

● A narcoleptic air courier who falls sound asleep without warning up to 20 times a day while flying rush-rush documents from Washington to New York. "Thank God for my auto pilot," he says. "And so far I don't seem to have any trouble staying awake on take-offs and landings."

● An inspirational speaker who caps his three-day seminars by walking over a bed of hot coals on his flame-licked peg leg. "Inspirational speakers have to walk on hot coals these days. You can't get around it. People expect it," he says. "If my wooden leg catches on fire and I fall, well, I'm not going to lie there crying about it. I'll just get up and start hopping."

"That's raw courage," says DeBoise, of Atlanta. "And I urge workers everywhere to remember these people whenever they start thinking their job is too tough and they can't go on.

● A legally blind electrician who rigs giant, high-voltage transformers that he locates with a red-tipped cane. "It's dan-

● A 40DD lady welder who's allergic to clothes and works nude in a shower of sizzling, popping sparks and flying globs of molten metal. "Yes, I get 'nicked' — but I love my work," she says. "People need wrought iron handrails and I feel like it's up to me to see that they get them."

visor wants you to spy on your coworkers and help him identify people he can eliminate during the next round of downsizing, if a head honcho pulls you out of the break room and tells you to wash his car, take your cue from workers who've figured out how to tough it out on the job.

"Remember: When the going

KIM JONG IL EATS LASSIE!

Dictator turns imprisoned missionaries' hero pooch into a gourmet meal!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

DESPICABLE despot Kim Jong Il has crossed the line. He's eaten a beautiful and loyal collie just like the one who delighted generations of Americans in the *Lassie* movies!

Animal-rights activists are outraged at reports that the North Korean madman had his goons round up the 6-year-old collie after having her masters — a pair of Scottish missionaries — arrested on trumped-up espionage charges.

"Yes, dog is regarded as a delicacy in North Korea, and in a country where famine is widespread, peasants can't be blamed for resorting to eating almost anything to survive," says Monica Bussmann of the Geneva-based International Crusade for Humane Treatment of Animals.

"But for a well-fed leader to target a noble creature that has become a symbol of good is sickening. And to prey on the companion animal of law-abiding visitors is morally indefensible."

According to a report carried on South Korean radio, the twisted dictator ordered his chefs to turn the helpless pooch, named Maggie, into a gourmet meal fit for a king.

"After the dog's throat was cut, it was skinned and butchered, and then the meat was sliced from the bone and diced," the shocking report states.

DOG GONE: Ian and Agatha MacGregor say Kim Jong Il, above, jailed them on trumped-up charges so he could make a meal of their beloved collie.

with slices of orange on a bed of rice."

Palace sources confirm that fiendish Kim not only enjoyed the stomach-turning meal — he clearly relished the fact that he was dining on one of the four-footed Hollywood icon's kin.

An insider reveals: "After the meal, Kim patted his belly, belched and said, 'I guess Lassie won't be rescuing any babies from a burning house today.' "

were appalled to learn that their beloved pet had been snatched from their apartment.

"The charges against us made no sense," says Ian, 54. "It looks like it was all a ploy to get hold of Maggie."

The heartbroken MacGregors say that just like the fictional Lassie, who first appeared in a 1943 novel by Eric Knight and was popularized in countless movies and TV shows, Maggie was brave and protective.

"Maggie was a very special animal — she truly was a real-life Lassie," says Agatha, 48. "She traveled the world with us and everywhere she went she did good. Over Maggie:

- Rescued 19 orphans from drowning in a monsoon in Bangladesh.
- Pulled 12 mountain climbers from beneath the snow after an avalanche in the Himalayas.
- Retrieved eight kidnapped girls from the clutches of white slavers in Sudan.
- Broke up a counterfeiting ring in Burma.

Incredibly, while condemning Kim's barbarism, the devout Christians say they forgive the evil dictator.

But a State Department source isn't letting the mutt-munching maniac off that easy.

ATHEIST SUES CITIES NAMED AFTER SAINTS

They violate our separation of church & state!

By KATE VASQUEZ/*Correspondent*

AN ATHEIST is preparing to ignite an unholy war on U.S. cities named after saints, demanding that they change to "non-religious identities that don't force citizens to pray every time they give out their address."

Dillard Dennon says he plans to start with his hometown of St. Louis, Mo., and will file a First Amendment lawsuit if the city's leaders don't agree to change the name by July 1.

"I'm an American and an atheist," says Dennon, a 47-year-old handyman who founded the Coalition to Free America From Religion. "It is blatantly unfair to force religion on people by using these obviously Christian names. People tend to forget that this country is supposed to be guided by the Constitutional principle of the separation of church and state."

Dennon says his organization also plans to take its renaming campaign to several other cities where he says Coalition members live: St. Paul, Minn.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; St. Albans, Vt.; and San Francisco, Calif.

"San Francisco probably thinks it's fooling everyone with a Spanish name," says Dennon, "but we happen to know that the name means 'St. Francis.' And that brings up Los Angeles, another Spanish name, which translates loosely to 'City of Angels' — another clearly religious name. Less blatant than some, yes, but it still needs to be changed."

Officials in most of the targeted cities decline to comment on Dennon's plans, saying they've never heard of him or the Coalition.

A spokesman in the St. Louis Mayor's Office calls the campaign "a foolish waste of time."

"We are not forcing anyone to practice religion of any kind by using this name, which has been a proud part of our history since we were first established as a fur-trading post in 1765.

"And even if we did cave in to this nut, I can't imagine our people being willing to spend the millions of dollars necessary to change city documents and signage to reflect the new name.

"Anyway, what would we call ourselves instead? 'Louis'? 'Lou'? I don't think 'Lou, Missouri' has much of a

Dennon is not the first to object to cities or organizations using "insensitive" names.

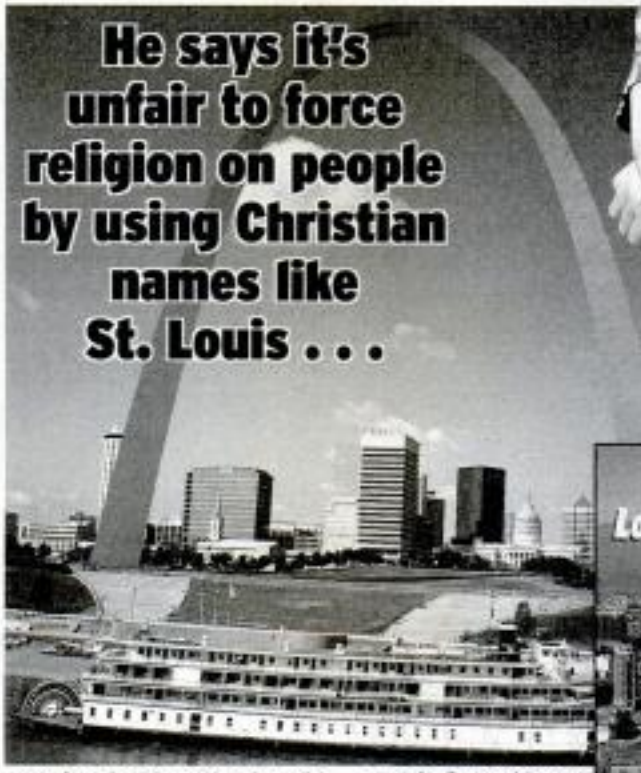
Native American groups have won some support for their attempts to change the names of sports teams that rely on Indian stereotypes. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals made international headlines when it asked Hamburg, N.Y., to change its name to Veggieburg.

Some St. Louis residents say they'd support a name change, but not for religious reasons.

"I was always taught that St. Louis was this French king, Louis XIV," says a bookstore manager. "I sure don't want to be named after anything French, especially a French politician."

Comments a bus driver: "I think we should scrap the whole thing and go with a name that everyone agrees on how to say. "No one knows whether to

ATHEIST Dillard Dennon says people shouldn't be forced to pray every time they give out their address.



. . . & San Francisco (St. Francis)

Laura Bush ticked off over new tattoo

DUBYA

First lady Laura Bush was stunned to learn that the "wash-off" henna tattoo she got as a surprise for the president is more permanent than she was led to believe.

The heart emblazoned with "Dubya," the president's nickname, will be good to go for at least two months and possibly three, a highly placed staff member says.

"She is not amused," says the source. "The tattoo is on her right thigh. She won't be able to wear her swimsuit until after the Fourth of July."

Henna is a safe but stubborn red-dish-brown dye derived from the leaves

Teens aren't punks anymore

MOST American teens are polite, well behaved and far more mature than their parents were when they were young, a blockbuster new study confirms.

"Teenagers aren't the pimply-faced, reckless hellions and insufferable smart alecks they used to be," say the authors of the study that was conducted by the prestigious National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

"In fact, just the opposite seems to be true. The majority of young men and young women in their teens are well behaved, well educated and well adjusted.

"Unfortunately, a few bad apples get all the publicity, leading to the erroneous belief that all teenagers are despicable."

The researchers concluded that parents who are having difficulties with their teenagers should "look in the mirror and ask themselves some hard questions.

"Chances are, parents are the problem — not the kids."

WRONG WAY DRIVER CARES

AN 86-YEAR-OLD man puttering down the highway thought he was doing his civic duty when he flagged down a police car to warn that everyone else was driving in the wrong direction.

The grandfather told cops that he had even flashed his lights at six motorists in an urgent bid to let them know they were headed the wrong way on the road in Bern, Switzerland.

It almost broke cops' hearts to have to tell the elderly driver that he was the one who was all turned around. They took the flustered oldster's car keys and drove him home — and authori-

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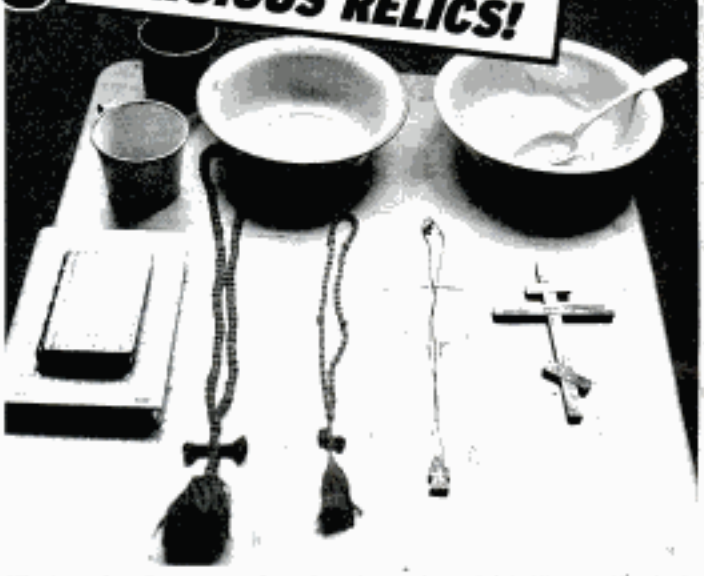
By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

CON MEN PULL UNHOLY SCAM ON DEVOUT BUYERS

— BY SELLING FAKE RELIGIOUS RELICS!



CROOKS are making big bucks in these troubled times, and now they're using high-tech tools to resurrect an ancient rip-off: Selling fake religious relics to gullible customers on the Internet.

Interpol reports that a businessman in Paris paid $200,000 for what he thought was the jawbone of Old Testament giant Goliath — but which turned out to be the lower choppers of an ancient gorilla.

Closer to home, a devout woman in El Paso, Texas, paid more than $30,000 — her entire life savings — for a piece of bloodstained cloth that she was assured had come from the dress worn by the Virgin Mary at Christ's crucifixion. It was just a paint-soaked rag.

"This trade in fake religious relics is growing, especially on the Internet," says a veteran FBI agent. "People around the world are being conned into buying worthless trinkets masquerading as holy relics."

The agent has personally tracked a dozen cases in just the last six months, and says other FBI field offices and international law-enforcement agencies are investigating more than 1,200 cases in all.

Fakery has plagued religious relics since the early days of the Catholic Church. Christians believed in the healing power of the relics and eagerly purchased what they thought were holy artifacts: Bits of bone and flesh from the bodies of saints, splinters from the actual crucifix on which Jesus died, scraps of cloth touched by His Apostles. But more often than not, they were buying worthless junk from heartless hucksters.

"You could get a small forest from all the so-called splinters from the crucifix that have been sold to these poor souls," says a Vatican official who has been consulting with law enforcement on the scams.

There are legitimate sellers of religious trinkets and artifacts, he says, but hundreds more crooked ones. "And by the time we get to most of them, they've already changed their post office box numbers and their Web-site address and started up as a whole new site," says a detective in San Jose, Calif.

For many victims, like 70-year-old Martin of Boise, Idaho, the scam is humiliating as well as expensive. "I felt like such a fool," he says, after getting taken for $10,000. He thought he was getting a fragment of St. Peter's sandal. "When I opened up the package, I found a hunk of plastic — with the 'Made in China' label still attached. It was like they were laughing at me."

Another victim, 67-year-old Mabel of Orlando, Fla., says she's not angry after losing $5,000 to a Web merchant who claimed to offer a piece of the hem from King Solomon's robes.

"You know what the Bible says," the retired schoolteacher notes calmly. "'Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.'

"They may not get their punishment in this life," she vows, "but they'll pay in the next — and for all eternity."

CRIME BLOTTER

MOM STRIPS AT SON'S PARTY

A misguided mom may do 15 months in jail for bizarre behavior at her teenage son's birthday party: She bought beer for the kids and stripped for them, prosecutors say!

The 35-year-old Pennsylvania woman was convicted of corruption and furnishing alcohol to minors — the boys were 13 to 16 years old — after she took it all off when the party's planned entertainment went bust.

She pleaded guilty to the charges and said she was out of her head from pills and booze, but didn't admit to doing the striptease.

GAL MAKES FAKE BOMB THREAT

A woman made a fake bomb threat to an airport — because she didn't have the nerve to cancel a vacation with her boyfriend!

The 28-year-old Croatian woman told a German court she wanted to cancel the trip because she couldn't tell her parents she was jetting off with her boyfriend. But she was embarrassed to tell him that.

"Then I had the idea that if the trip could somehow be blocked by someone else, for example a bomb threat, then that would solve all the problems," she said.

Her hoax shut down the busy airport in Duesseldorf and stranded 64,000 people for several hours last September. Police traced the call to her boyfriend's cell phone.

The woman was convicted of disturbing the peace and got a two-year suspended sentence. She also faces almost $2 million in fines.

EASTER BASKET FILLED WITH DRUGS

State troopers in Utah say they found quite an Easter treat: Some 25 pounds of pot wrapped in holiday cellophane!

Lawmen say the illegal Easter basket turned up during a routine traffic stop the weekend before the holiday. The pot was loaded into a car-top carrier, and the driver and four passengers were busted.

Cops say the pot has a bunny trail value

DOPE OF THE WEEK

GAL SHOWS UP DRUNK TO COLLECT FROM COPS

A GERMAN woman drove to a police station to retrieve her lost handbag — and then lost her car keys and her driver's license, because she was in the bag after a few too many drinks!

drunk woman showed up after they called her. "She was so happy, she jumped straight in the car and came down to get it," says a police spokesman. "The thing is, we saw her coming. She'd had a lot to drink.

"The first thing she got out of the bag was her license, which we took,

THE STUFF THAT WASN'T FIT TO PRINT . . .

PERSONAL ADS REJECTED BY WEEKLY WORLD NEWS®

OVER the years, *Weekly World News* has helped scores of lonelyhearts find mates, from Mr. Fuzzy Wuzzy, the tragic dog-faced man, to a pair of luscious Siamese twins.

But while we've been happy to put the pitiful pleas of many love-starved oddballs in our paper, there are some personal ads we've been forced to reject.

"When we receive a personal ad from someone who claims to be Dracula, it would be irresponsible to run it — whether it's genuine or not," explains *WWN* staffer Garry Messick.

Here are a handful of those ads, along with the photos that were submitted with them. Return addresses have been changed to protect the innocent:

TALL DARK & HANDSOME male, mid-40s, seeks

traditional stay-at-home mate. At roughly 6-foot-5, I'm head & shoulders over the competition. I am devoutly religious, a "take charge" type of man and very, very financially secure. Belief in family values and conservative dress a must. — Osama B.

INDEPENDENT FLORIDA GAL looking for a nice man for travel, adventure — whatever comes up. Currently self-employed as consultant to trucking industry, I can pick up and go at a moment's notice. Let's hitch up and see where the interstate takes us. — Aileen W.

LADIES' MAN looking for a pretty, petite lady with a view toward marriage. I'm a law student with ambitions of becoming a criminal-defense lawyer. Into skiing, surfing and working with my hands, tinkering with my classic VW Bug.

SHY, MISUNDERSTOOD NATURE LOVER SEEKS FEMALE — My bulk and body hair can be off-putting to some. My hands are so large, just typing this took nearly a day. But I am much smarter and more sensitive than people give me credit for. I love long walks in the woods, bird-watching and camping out. Plus, I'm not one to brag, but you know what they say about big hands and big feet! — Bigfoot

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MASCULINE-LOOKING former politician seeks discreet male for clandestine hanky panky. I have a big bushy mustache, tons of chest hair and love guns. You must be macho-acting too — sissy-boy types need not apply. — Saddam H.

ATHLETIC HALF-BAT, HALF-HUMAN seeks open-minded girlfriend. One of my Marine buddies is writing this for me. I want

upside down from rafters and eating bugs. — B. Boy

KIDS OUT OF CONTROL? Mommy Dearest nanny service will whip them into shape. Extensive experience with infants to teens, specializing in firm discipline and tough love. You'll see a dramatic difference. Fee includes light housework. — Joan C.

EXPERIENCED BUTCHER seeks position in Chinese restaurant. Background includes long-time management of many people, with reputation as tough but dear leader. Good at handling explosive situations. Work closely with animal shelters; willing to handle all meat procurement. — K. Jong Il

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BRILLIANT, ALTRUISTIC AEROSPACE EXPERT,

IQ 600, seeks open-minded female — I am a well-traveled and highly evolved male, slim and fit, with a prom-

bies include flying, crop-circle-making and orifice-probing. My ideal woman has an IQ of at least 160 and no hang-ups about "keeping it in the species." — E. T.

POSITIVE GAL SEEKS SWINGING BACHELOR — I am a gorgeous blonde with a killer body. My infectious personality is something you'll catch onto almost immediately. I enjoy meeting new people and spreading what I've picked up in my journeys. I'm strictly looking for a casual bed partner. Let's meet — you'll find that happiness is contagious. — AIDS Mary

Mentioning your husband or wife could get you fired!

DON'T REFER to your better half as your "husband" or "wife" in public anymore — not if you want to be politically correct.

A group is including the words on a list of terms that are likely to give offense to gays, suggesting the use of "partner" instead. "Gratuitously mentioning you have a 'wife' at home can make it seem that you're going out of your way to make it clear that you're heterosexual," says a spokesman for the Coalition to

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My America

By ED ANGER DOUBLE FEATURE

Readers fire back at Ed!

EVERY once in a while our controversial columnist Ed Anger gets a hankerin' to dip into his mailbag and, as he puts it, "see what the baboons are gibbering about now." Some folks staunchly support him, others are outraged or sickened, but no one is ever bored by what he has to say. About the only thing you can do is run for cover when Ed shoots off his mouth — and return fire if you dare . . .

DEAR ED: You are a complete nincompoop! How can you possibly argue that outsourcing is great for America? Thanks to your buddy President Bush, thousands of good jobs are being shipped overseas. My husband is an engineer and he's worried sick that he's going to lose his job to someone in India who'll work for one-tenth the money.

It's all well and good for you to write that we can all just "live off the fat of the land," but unlike you, not everyone is a "good old boy" who owns a gun and gets a thrill from killing helpless animals. Maybe one morning when you report to work, you'll be told that from now on your column will be written by a guy named Ali in Calcutta with a big dot on his forehead — then you'll get the point.

— Alison M., Odessa, Texas

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed,

As a Christian, you ought to be ashamed of yourself for suggesting that gays should be compelled by law to marry. Whether or not compulsory marriage causes homosexuals to "stop pestering the rest of us," as you put it, is totally irrelevant. Homosexuality is a sin — in fact the Bible says explicitly that the punishment is to be death, not that we should go that far.

— Martha S., Clarksdale, Miss.

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed,

You are the most sexist, racist, homophobic idiot in America. Your foaming-at-the-mouth rant against Spain as a nation of cowards after it announced plans to withdraw its troops from Iraq was absolutely unwarranted. Then you absurdly go on to denounce every aspect of Hispanic culture, from bullfighting to hot tamales. By the way, you clueless jerk, Cheech Marin is a Mexican-American who speaks with a very slight Chicano accent. The idea of "deporting" him to Madrid unless he learns to sound less Spanish is ridiculous.

— Manuel N., Staten Island, N.Y.

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed,

I completely disagree with your statement that watching celebrity trials like the upcoming Kobe rape case is a waste of time. I didn't miss a single minute of the O.J. trial and every night I'd tune in to hear Geraldo and his panel of legal experts analyze the proceedings. And I certainly plan to follow the Kobe case just as closely.

Citizens can learn much about America's great legal system from watching these real-life court dramas.

— Staci Y., Lafayette, Ind.

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed,

Maybe you're right and there is no evolution. That would certainly explain why knuckle-dragging Neanderthals like you are still around.

— Jon R., Newport, Ark.

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed,

I was personally insulted by your recent column saying that men who earn less money than their wives are "wimps." My wife happens to be a high-powered attorney who commands a six-figure income — and I couldn't be more proud of her. Her high salary has allowed our family to enjoy a better lifestyle than it could on what I used to earn working construction. In fact, I've been able to quit to stay home and raise our three kids.

I love spending quality time with the children and I find cooking gourmet meals every day and keeping our house together both challenging and fulfilling.

— Stephen L., Paterson, N.J.

Ed replies: I rest my case.

★ ★ ★

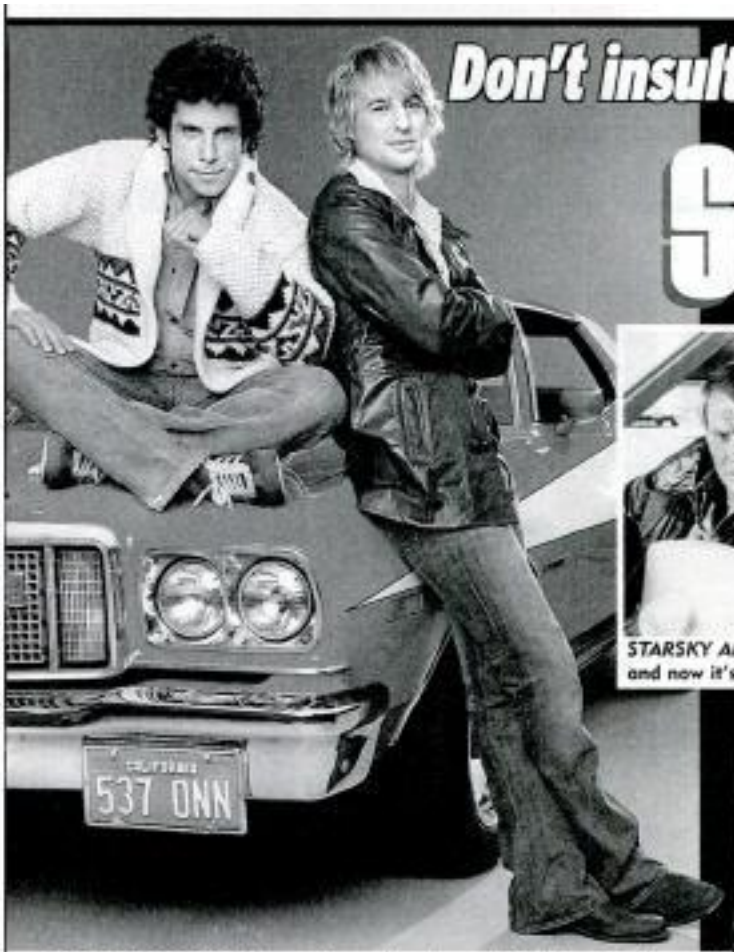
Dear Ed,

Hallelujah! I'm glad someone out there is finally telling the truth. Your column about how Darwin's theory of evolution is a bunch of claptrap and we ought to stop teaching it in schools was right on the money. If evolution really worked, why wouldn't we see dogs and cats starting to walk on their hind legs and use tools by now?

— Cathy F., Georgetown, S.C

Don't insult my intelligence, says Ed . . .

STOP MAKING STUPID OLD TV SHOWS INTO MOVIES!



STARSKY AND HUTCH was junk on TV, above, and now it's a waste at the movies, left, says Ed.

CHICO AND THE MAN is not Ed's idea of entertainment.

If this is the best Hollywood can come up with, it's the end of civilization as we know it

I'M MADDER than the Six Million Dollar Man with worn-out shock absorbers at the way Hollywood keeps turning corny old TV shows into movies!

The rest of America may be chafing at the bit waiting for *The Jeffersons: The Movie* to come out and to see big-screen versions of *Maude* and *Chico and the Man*. But to yours truly, it's just another sign that American society is going to Hell in a handbasket.

An egghead once told me the surefire way of knowing that a civilization is headed down the tubes is when the quality of entertainment nosedives and you see it cannibalizing itself.

Well, we may not have Amazons fighting midgets in the arena yet, but you take a look at clunkers like

Starsky and Hutch or *Rocky and Bullwinkle* and tell me we're not in as bad shape as ancient Rome.

Heck, we might as well pack up and leave town before barbarians show up and start sacking the place.

Listen, it was bad enough when Hollywood honchos were recycling classic shows like *The Beverly Hillbillies*, in which down-home Jed Clampett always ended up getting the better of a bunch of city slickers. But lately they've been scraping the bottom of the barrel, with movie versions of shows like *Scooby Doo*, which were lousy to begin with.

Heck, I even hear tell they're fixing to make a movie out of *Land of the Giants*, which had to be the stupidest gol-durned TV show ever on the air.

And don't get me started on those pictures ripped off from old *Saturday Night Live* skits. Why in Heaven's name would I want to see a whole movie about characters I could barely take five minutes of once a week?

About the only thing worse than digging up the bones of these old TV shows to make picture shows, is all these stupid remakes.

Back in the good old days, when you took your best gal to the drive-in and saw the great Duke Wayne starring in *The Sands of Iwo Jima*, you time you'd see a remake is if the first go around, they didn't have sound or Technicolor yet.

But nowadays, they keep remaking movies that just came out a few years back, like this new version of *Dawn of the Dead*. What the heck is so wrong with the original? Are the polyester duds the zombies wore back in the '70s too out of date?

And if you're going to remake *Planet of the Apes*, you better be darned sure you hire a star as good as

But folks, if Hollywood is going to keep recycling old TV shows, I say at least let's demand that they pick programs that teach good, solid family values. I wouldn't mind taking my grandnieces and nephews to see *Father Knows Best: The Movie*.

Maybe if today's kids are exposed to wholesome stuff from yesteryear, it'll counterbalance all the godless modern-day trash they see on MTV on a regular basis.

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HEY LOSERS, GET LUCKY!

Use these tips to help boost your career and become irresistible to the opposite sex!

IF YOU blame bad luck because you're broke, your career has stalled or your love life is a dud, you're not making excuses, says a top psychologist. You really are unlucky!

People who think they're unlucky are right, says Dr. Rodolfo Manzanilla. But he also says you can make your own luck — you can change it from bad to good, and start attracting the success and prosperity that have been eluding you your whole life.

"The so-called common wisdom is that there's no such thing as luck, good or bad — that success is a matter of working hard and taking advantage of opportunities," says Dr. Manzanilla, a Madrid psychologist whose pioneering studies on human potential have been published in scientific journals around the world. "But the fact is, luck is what brings those opportunities to us and gives us the energy and creativity to take advantage of them.

"I'm not talking about chance," he adds. "You have no control over whether your lottery number gets picked, and you never will.

"But can you increase your chances of finding someone else's winning lottery ticket that they might have tossed out by mistake, or of getting in line at just the right time to buy the scratch-off ticket with the big jackpot?

"Yes — with the same luck-attracting habits that will boost your career and make you irresistible to the opposite sex."

Dr. Manzanilla recently conducted a research project for a major U.S. financial institution, and says he found five important differences between lucky and unlucky people:

1 **Lucky** people believe they're lucky; unlucky people believe they're doomed. Dr. Manzanilla says his research supports previous findings on this. "Lucky people expect that good luck will come their way," he says, "and so it does. Contrast that with people who are convinced that they have a dark cloud over their head — for them, it's always raining.

"Probably the luckiest subject in my study was Sean, a 45-year-old man from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He's just started his own marketing business, and every month he manages to sign at least two new clients just as a major bill comes due.

"But he doesn't actually try to get new business. He's just always sure that he's going to 'luck into' new business, which gives him a quality that draws people to him."

On the other hand, he says, aspiring actress Arianna is convinced nothing ever goes her way. "And it rarely does," he says. She missed a producer's call for a Broadway audition because she was sure it was a bill collector, so she didn't answer the phone.

2 **Lucky** people are alert and ready for good fortune to come their way; unlucky people are wrapped up in themselves. Dr. Manzanilla says he sent a lucky person and an unlucky person to the same yard sale to see what they could find.

The unlucky person found nothing, while the lucky person got a $5,000 vanity for $100. It had been hidden behind some old appliances.

"Greg, the unlucky person, left after half-heartedly browsing the entire sale for 10 minutes," Dr. Manzanilla says. "Stan, the lucky one, says he 'got a feeling' he should hunt in a certain spot, and found a treasure."

3 **Unlucky** people are easily upset by setbacks, but lucky people are sure they'll recover. A layoff hit hard for 41-year-old graphic artist Janet, who wasted two weeks feeling sorry for herself before she even started looking for a new job.

But hours after 42-year-old accountant Claudia got fired, she shrugged off the bad news and met a friend for drinks at a local bar — where she met an old colleague who happened to be in town for just that night.

The friend was in charge of hiring at a major technology firm — and hired Claudia on the spot. "She got a big raise and she still got to keep her severance package from the old job," the psychologist says.

4 **Unlucky** people are anxious and tense, while lucky people relax. "This makes unlucky people miss important opportunities, because they are so worried about saying or doing the wrong thing," Dr. Manzanilla says.

"They tend to be wallflowers at parties, while the lucky ones are making all the new friends and contacts."

Bob, a 40-year-old lawyer from Chicago, met his wife while standing in line at a ballpark concession stand. "She's so beautiful she intimidates many men," the psychologist says, "but Bob just started chatting with her to pass the time. By the time he got his hot dog, he also had a date."

5 **Lucky** people like to try new things, while

LUCKY DUCK! Lucky people believe they're lucky — and that attitude spills over to

By KITTY FINE
Correspondent

YOU may never find that magic lamp to help you get what you want, but many have found that after adopting a few simple luck-attracting habits — good fortune came their way!

year-old salesman from New York, won $10,000 with a lottery scratch-off ticket.

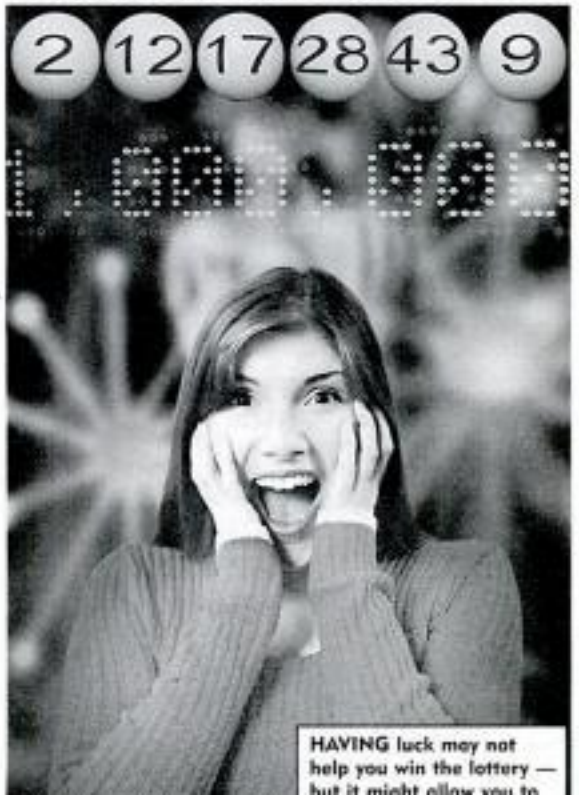
"He usually bought a ticket at the same store where he got his coffee every morning, and never won more than a few free tickets," Dr. Manzanilla says.

"One day he decided to take a different route to work and got the ticket at a different store.

"Fred also shows the power of belief in luck," says Dr. Manzanilla.

"I'd be willing to bet that there was someone else who could have been in the right spot to buy that winning ticket instead of Fred. But they probably figured it was no use to waste their money.

"Fred had bought plenty of losing lottery tickets, but he knew that sooner or later his luck would come in. And it looks like it did."



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CONCERNED Pentagon officials say they're running out of grandiose names for military operations!

Most of the really powerful and catchy names, such as Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Mountain Storm, have already been used. In recent months, the military has been forced to resort to names that sound a bit stiff, redundant or simply nonsensical, such as Operation Vigilant Resolve.

"It's a real challenge coming up with names. They have to be inspiring to the troops and easy for TV news anchors to enunciate," says a Pentagon communications expert. "No one really anticipated that we'd be asked to churn out so many of these operation names, one right after another."

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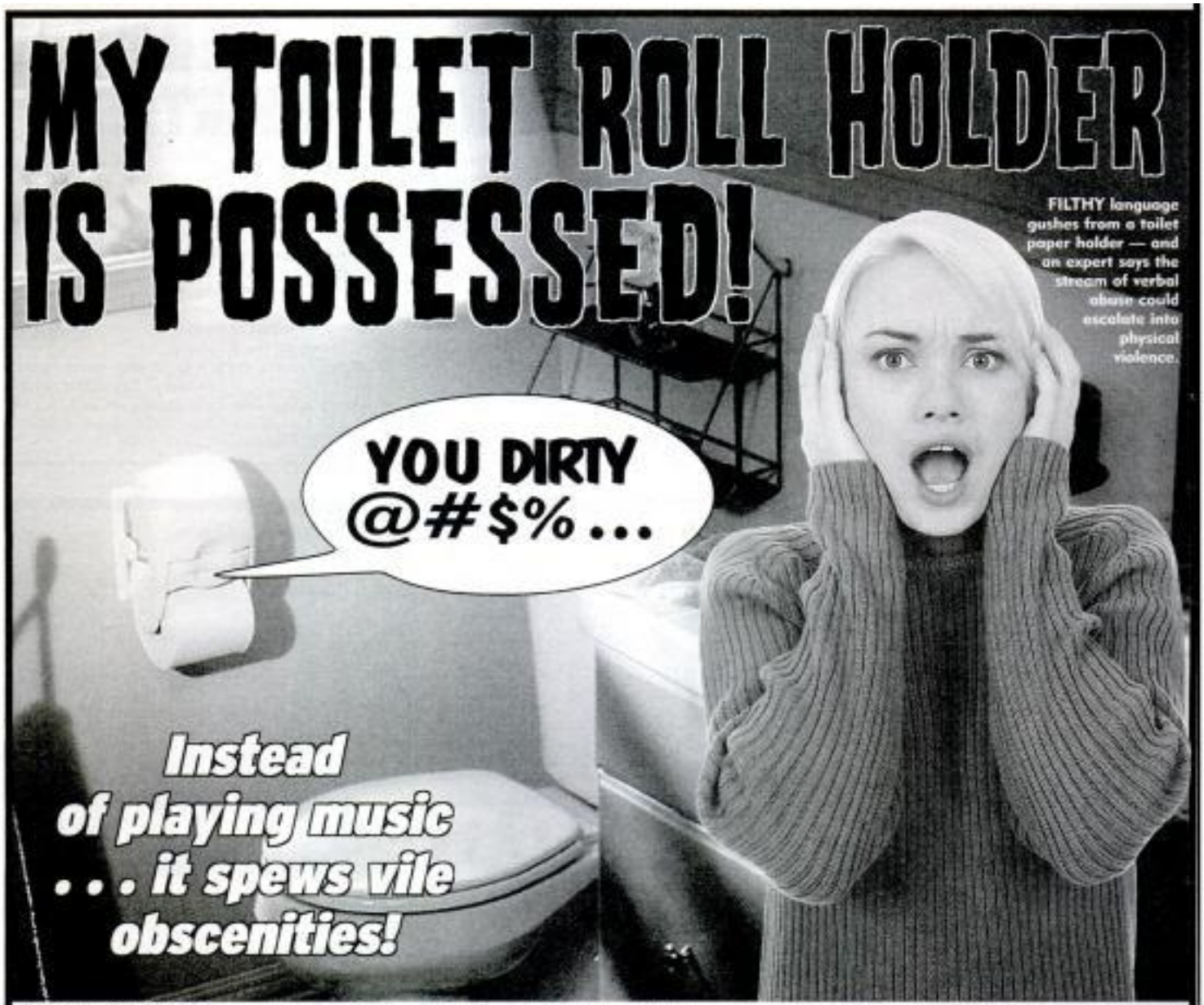

FILTHY language gushes from a toilet paper holder — and an expert says the stream of verbal abuse could escalate into physical violence.

Instead of playing music ... it spews vile obscenities!

By PAUL BRONSON/*Correspondent*

"HELP! My toilet roll holder talks to me and what it says is not very nice."

That heartfelt plea from housewife Anne Alderson has been heeded by a top paranormal expert who says she's determined to get to the bottom of the problem.

According to Alderson, 27, the toilet roll dispenser is supposed to play *Happy Days Are Here Again* when it turns, but instead it launches into a string of vile obscenities and makes crude and disgusting references to bodily functions.

"I don't even like to repeat what the toilet roll holder says, it's so horrible," says the divorced mom of two from Austin, Texas. "It makes refer-

"One time it called me a 'fat pig.' Another time it said I had a 'Crisco caboose.'"

Says paranormal investigator Caroline Hurris, of Dallas: "I've advised Mrs. Alderson not to get rid of the musical toilet roll holder until I investigate the object.

"I suspect poltergeist activity centered in the bathroom or in the holder itself. My fear is that the verbal abuse will escalate into violence.

"I'm told by Mrs. Alderson that the toilet roll holder only played *Happy Days Are Here Again* twice before the music stopped and the abuse started."

Alderson says she bought the holder at a flea market for $2 because "it seemed like fun and the price was right."

And the first two times she used the gizmo, it played a snappy version

"My kids are 5 and 6 and they thought it was hilarious," continues Alderson. "But late that night, when I got up from bed to do my business, everything changed."

As she peeled paper from the roll, she says, the holder cut loose with a string of curse words "the likes of which I haven't heard since high school."

Alderson says the holder "speaks in a shrill and excited voice, like a dwarf pitching a fit, but every word is full of menace and hate."

The duration of its obscene commentaries seems to correlate with the length of paper pulled off the roll, and when it's still, it doesn't talk.

Hurris and other paranormal experts say the poltergeist might be motivated by movement or realize there's a human nearby only when the holder turns.

is a pecking order among demons and this one is the lowest of the low."

Although Alderson has agreed to keep the toilet paper roll until Hurris completes her investigation, she says she's "just hoping and praying I can hold out."

"We have only one bathroom. So it's not like we can shut the door and forget about it."

To protect her children, Alderson has positioned a box of facial tissues within arm's reach of the toilet so they don't have to pull paper off the roll and suffer the wrath of the talking holder.

"I am confident we can determine the cause of this most unusual anomaly," says Hurris, who is assembling a team to help her investigate and expects to be on site with video cameras, tape recorders and other instruments within two weeks.

"This is an exceptional opportunity

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COPS BUST DRIVER FOR SPEEDING – AT MACH 3!

A DRIVER got the shock of his life when cops gave him a ticket for traveling at 2,100 m.p.h. — three times the speed of sound! The Belgian motorist received the ticket in the mail, informing him that radar had picked up his Mini Cooper zooming through a Brussels suburb at the sonic-boom-inducing speed. Police have since apologized for the goof, blaming it on a faulty radar gun. They also concede that clerks shouldn't have sent out the ticket, since it should have been obvious that no car can go at Mach 3 — faster than the Concorde.

The snafu came to light when the accused lead-foot refused to pay the fine and the traffic department asked prosecutors to follow up, the Belgian newspaper *La Derniere Heure* reports.

When the motorist revealed the outlandish speed he was accused of traveling, bemused prosecutors say they called police to ask at what altitude the vehicle "was flying."

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL DUMPS ITS HUNCHBACKS

THE HUNCHBACKS who have rung the bells of Notre Dame Cathedral for more than 800 years — and helped to make the site a major tourist attraction — will soon be out of jobs. Their replacement: Young women in sexy miniskirts. By tradition, at least one hunchback has held a post on the bell-ringing staff since the enormous church was built in the 12th century, an intriguing fact popularized in the famous novel by Victor Hugo. But as a French tourist official recently remarked, "Which would you rather see swinging on a bell rope, a deformed monster or a pretty girl?"

U.N. plan to curb population:

INTERNATIONAL SUICIDE DAY!

THOSE IDIOTS at the United Nations are hoping to win broad support for an International Suicide Day to help curb runaway population.

"Seven billion people are too many — we need to thin the ranks," says an aide to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

"Half of them are going to starve to death or get AIDS anyway. Suicide day will make things easier on everyone. It's an idea whose time has come."

A draft resolution could be ready for a vote as early as June, says the source, noting that "the big day" is tentatively set for December 24, "Christmas Eve and a time when millions of poor and lonely people who won't be getting any gifts might be inclined to give suicide a try."

An aide to U.S. Ambassador to the

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My truck-driving Romeo left me out in the cold!

HE SAYS...

"In the early 80's, I was pretty innocent and confused. I was like Marie Osmond, only with bigger eyelashes."
— Singer Boy George

VITAL STATISTICS — Born: June 14, 1961, in Kent, England. Birth name: George Alan O'Dowd. Height: 6 feet; Eyes: Brown. Marital status: Single, gay.

DEAR DOTTI: Four months ago when I was in Georgia visiting my parents I met this great guy at a truck stop where I was getting some gasoline and a bowl of home-style chili. Johnny was good-looking and as nice as could be. One thing led to another and he said that since I was on vacation anyway, I should ride out to Seattle and back in his 18-wheeler.

We had a wonderful time. Johnny was the nicest person I ever met. Most of all he was a real man who really knew how to make the most of that built-in bunk in the back of his cab. He told me he loved me and that he had been looking for a woman like me for a long time. He said we should get married and that in a week or two he would call me when I got back to my apartment in Omaha. But I haven't heard from him since. I'm worried sick that he may have gotten hurt or even killed in a wreck. What am I going to do, Dotti? How can I find Johnny? — Waiting in Omaha

Dear Waiting: You didn't mention your age — but if you're older than 5 or 6 you're one dumb broad. Maybe you can find your "good buddy" — or a suitable replacement — if you hang out at truck stops in Omaha. Just be sure to wear a short skirt and bend over a lot.

How can I get my hubby to grow a long, luxuriant beard?

Dear Dotti: I've been married for seven years, and for the past two I've been nagging my hubby to grow a beard. I had no idea why until a few nights ago when his best friend came over to visit. He has the same kind of big, bushy, manly beard I want my Fred to grow. So it's pretty obvious that I've had a crush on his buddy without realizing it. Now I feel like our marriage is in jeopardy — and will continue he hates whiskers and says there's absolutely no way he's going to grow a beard unless I start doing something kinky in the bedroom that I've always refused to do in the past. What am I going to do? — Can't Decide in Austin

Dear Can't Decide: Accept Fred the way he is, Toots, or hit the streets. I personally think big bushy beards and mustaches are grubby, filthy, smelly attempts to cover up something — like missing teeth or an ugly face.

The gal I love is too shy to date me

like. She's a little bit younger than me, 15, but we're both shy so I'm sure we'll hit it off romantically if I can just get her to open up and talk to me. I finally got up the courage to ask her if she might want to go to a movie or something sometime. But she's so shy she said she couldn't go out with me because she's "really busy right now with school and all." Should I keep asking her out? I'm not sure what to do. — Shy Guy in St. Louis

Dear Shy Guy: I don't know what folks in St. Louis call 15-year-old girls, but where I come from, it's "jail bait." Get with the pro-

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is.

My soul mate is perfect – except for one little thing

DEAR DOTTI: I'm 19 and the love of my life is 18. The problem is, I feel funny whenever we go out in public because he's 5-foot-4 and I'm 5-foot-7. I feel so self-conscious. I've told him how I feel but he tells me not to worry about it because he loves me anyway. He doesn't realize that I'm not just embarrassed for me, I'm embarrassed for him, too. He's a real shrimp. So now I find myself coming up with all kinds of excuses for not going out in public with him. What should I do? — Embarrassed in Clemson

Dear Embarrassed: Go buy a comic book and send off for a pair of those "be big" shoe inserts advertised in the back that promise to make guys two inches taller. That'll bring the dwarf up to 5-foot-6. You can take care of the extra inch by slumping your shoulders and stooping.

I wish my friends would just BUTT OUT

Dear Dotti: All my friends make fun of me because I have a really small butt, and I mean really, really, really small. I'm an 28-year-old woman and have normal sized breasts and a normal waist. But below that, everything just tapers off — I've even been told I'm shaped like the letter "V" and people also call me "The Human Clothes Pin." I hate my butt but I don't know what to do about it. And I'm sick of all the teasing. Help! — Bottomed Out in Hendersonville

Dear Bottomed Out: The next time these so-called friends of yours cut loose with the jokes, turn the other cheek. While you're at it, flip through the Yellow Pages until you find the heading, "Cosmetic Surgeons — Butt Implants." It will be the best $10,000 you ever spent.

Burping turns my wife into a wildcat

Dear Dotti: Our new minister is a real hunk. He's also a real burper. Every time he burps, my wife gets all hot and bothered. She says it's a sign that he's a real man. I'm beginning to burp on purpose to get her turned on. And the more I burp, the more turned on she gets. Is this proper behavior for a minister's wife? — Puzzled Pastor in Milwaukee

Dear Pastor: I don't see why not.

Daddy likes to wear women's underpants!

Dear Dotti: Our dad wears women's underpants when he goes horseback riding. Before our mother died, she told us he does it because men's underpants chafed him when he rode. He's very self-conscious about this and goes to great lengths to keep it secret. He doesn't know that my brother and I know about it. How can we let him know that we understand what he is doing and it's O.K. with us? — True-Blue Sons in Omaha

Dear True-Blue Sons: The next time the old perv gets ready to go horseback riding sneak up behind him and pull down his pants. Laugh and point and hoot and holler until he joins in and starts laughing himself. With everything out in the open, his sick habit will no longer be an issue.

What does it feel like to be perfect, Dotti?

Dear Dotti: I'm a 22-year-old cosmetology student. I have a wonderful boyfriend and dear friends who share interests with me. I'm nice looking and I keep my hair, nails, and clothes neat. Oh, and I almost forgot — I'm very overweight. I've been heavy since birth and I've dieted constantly to try to please heartless people like you who refer to kind souls like me as lard-bottoms and fatties. Well, Dotti, what does it feel like to be as perfect as you obviously think you are? — Marie in Nelson

Dear Marie: Come to think of

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Bachelor in Los Angeles: I don't care what your mother says, funny boy – if you haven't gotten over your fear of women by age 38, you'll never make the leap.

Dear Confused Secretary in Jackson: I seriously doubt the holes your boss drilled in the ladies room wall have anything to do with "improving ventilation."

Dear Loves Dotti in Asheville: "The smartest and most beautiful woman on the planet . . ."? I couldn't have said it better myself.

Dear Embarrassed Lady in Panama City: So he showed up on your doorstep in a "micro mini-kilt," did he? That's what you get, pinhead, for dating a bagpipe player with an Alabama accent.

Dear Jobless and Depressed in Sedona: Not only that, somebody hit you with a stupid stick.

Dear New Mom in Dallas: If you didn't send me a picture of an chimpanzee, that kid of yours is in big trouble. Yikes!

. . . SHE SAYS

"The movie business divides women into ice queens and sluts, and there have been times I wanted to be a slut more than anything."
— Actress Sigourney Weaver
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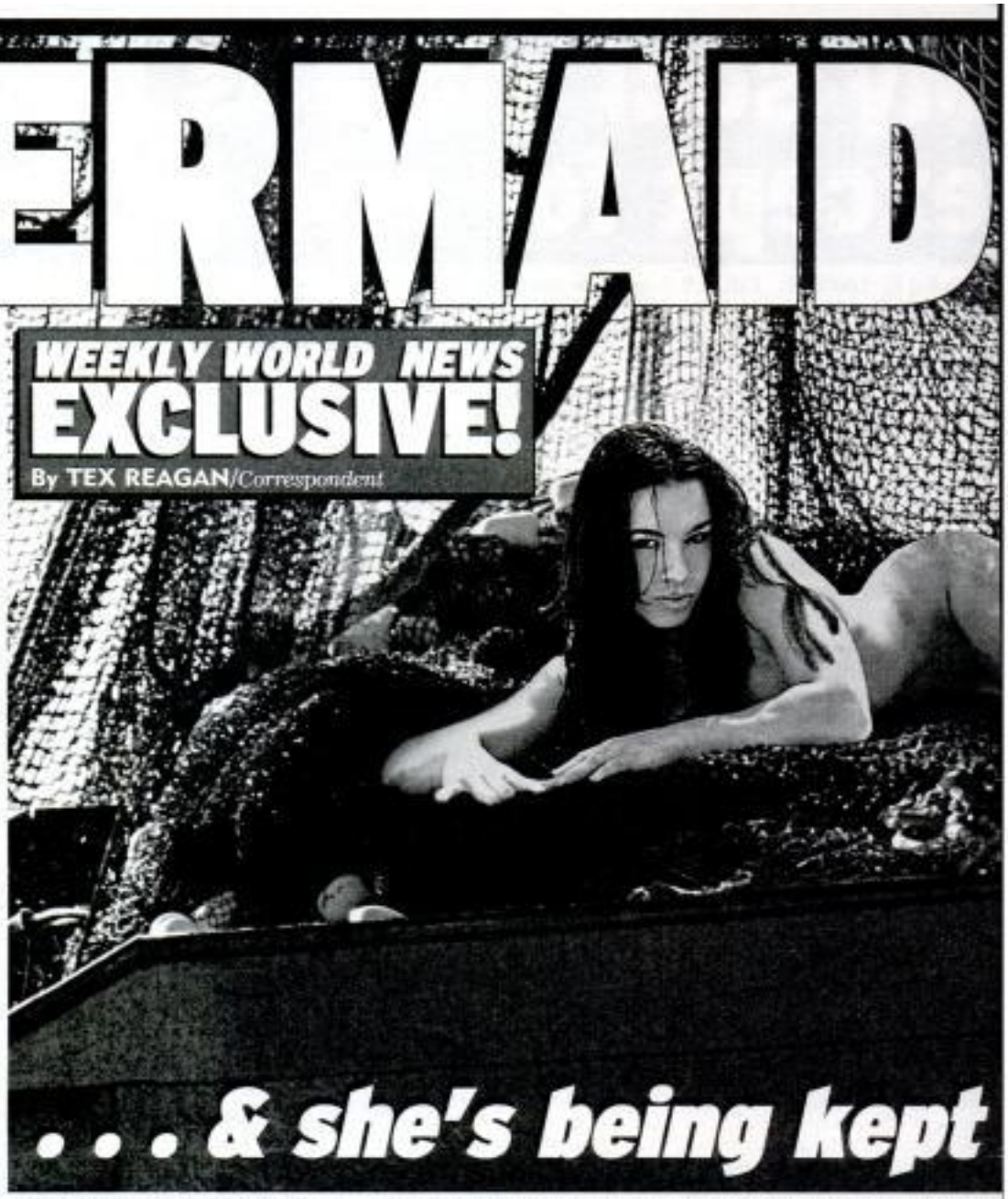
By TEX REAGAN/Correspondent



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THE DISCOVERY of a mermaid in a fishing net off the coast of Florida has flabbergasted scientists who say the 5-foot creature is at least half human, extremely intelligent — and loves people.

To top it off, she talks a blue streak in a sophisticated "three dimensional language" that relies on sounds that may be related to the "click languages" prevalent in parts of Africa and on hand movements that look like the signing that is taught to deaf people around the world.

Experts say it's only matter of time before they break through the language barrier and begin to communicate openly with the creature.

And when that happens, everything we know about human evolution is likely to be proven false.

"Once we figure out the language we can communicate in earnest, and when that happens, there's only one thing for sure: Everything we know about human evolution, everything we believe about the specialness of human intelligence, everything we've ever thought about fish — it's all going out the door," says a linguist who has spent several hours with the mermaid at an undisclosed marine research facility in Florida.

"We're looking at some heavy duty spiritual implications, too. The idea that God created man in His own image is going to be difficult to justify once we have to admit that other non-human or partially human creatures look like God, too. The question we'll have to ask ourselves is whether God walks on two legs like a man — or swims with a fish's fins."

At least four government agencies are involved in the care and study of the mermaid, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Institutes of Health.

The discovery of the creature was so unexpected — and came as such an out-and-out shock — that the only clear goals at this point are keeping her alive, figuring out how to communicate with her, and deciding where she belongs in the hierarchy of animals.

Nobody is talking for the record. And it seems unlikely that anyone in government will identify the location of the research facility where the mermaid is being studied — although some sources point to an abandoned seafood-processing plant as one likely site.

But sources confirm that early

Dubya orders special diet of Texas catfish and

PRESIDENT BUSH has taken such a keen interest in the captured mermaid and her well-being that he's ordered two of his personal chefs to help with the creature's meal planning.

And the dishes he believes will be of biggest benefit to the half-human, half-fish, are two of his all-time fa-

"Some people don't realize the president is a health and fitness buff and a real stickler when it comes to eating right," says a senior administration official.

"Once he heard the mermaid's appetite in captivity was spotty, he took the bull by the horns and jetted his own

"As usual, his instincts were right on the money. From the reports we're hearing, the mermaid ate like a fat man at a fish camp.

"Two platters of golden fried Texas catfish and three baskets of steaming hush puppies — that's a hearty appetite, especially after you've just been caught

CAUGHT IN FISHING NET

in a secret marine facility!"

DNA testing strongly suggests the air-breathing creature shares genes with both humans and fish: Specifically, *Homo sapiens* — modern man — and a peculiar species of sea bass that's been extinct for some 40,000 years.

Stunning photographs obtained by *Weekly World News* show the mermaid flopping helplessly in a net on the deck of Capt. Mark Estere's 42-foot fishing boat, *Mama's North Star*, moments after she was caught on April 17.

The pictures confirm the fisherman's verbal descriptions of the mermaid as measuring 5-feet from the tip of her upturned nose to the end of her spiny, translucent tail.

It's also clear that she looks entirely human from the waist up — and completely fish from the waist down.

Up top, the mermaid has human breasts and arms, a pretty face and long, dark brown hair. Down below, she looks like any other fish, with silvery-blue scales, a sleek, tapered body and broad, powerful fins.

The creature was seized from Estere at the Port of Miami by U.S. Customs agents who, in their official reports, labeled the creature "an exotic fish not cleared for importation into the United States."

Within hours, she was airlifted to the unnamed marine research facility where government scientists are said to be giving the creature a full medical work-up that will help them determine conclusively how closely related the strange species is to man.

"Man's connection to apes is apparent to anyone who's ever watched *Wild Kingdom* on TV or visited a zoo, but our connection to fish isn't so easily seen," says a geneticist with ties to the research.

"But the first one-celled animal that appeared on Earth lived in the sea, and from that single, common ancestor, came all fish.

"Some of those fish became amphibious, thriving on both land and

hush puppies

mention the mermaid in a news conference "any day now" and use the opportunity to ask Congress to appropriate more money for the study and preservation of unusual and endangered animals.

"The president feels deeply about the mermaid," says one insider. "It's

THIS abandoned factory could be where government scientists are conducting medical

MERMAID

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sea and living on the shores of oceans and lakes.

"From the amphibians came the first air-breathing animals, including monkeys and chimps. And we've always thought that humans evolved from them.

"If it can be demonstrated that humans share significant genetic coding with this mermaid, our understanding of our own origins will change.

"Instead of looking for missing links between man and monkeys in the jungles of Africa, we'll have to start searching for the missing link between humans and fish, and between humans and mer-people — the mermaids and the mermen."

The expert's reference to males of the species — mermen — "raises an interesting point," says a source with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has committed several marine biologists to the study of the mermaid.

"Where you have one mermaid surely you have others," continues the insider. "It's inconceivable to think there's just one. There have to be more.

"And we need to find them."

In fact, President Bush has ordered what a senior administration official terms "an all-out hunt" for other mermaids and mermen who might still be off the Florida coast in the area where fishing boat captain Estere says he and his crew netted the creature by accident while dragging their nets for commercially valuable bait fish.

"When we brought up the net somebody yelled 'Dolphin!' thinking that's what we had," recalls the captain. "I did a double take when I saw a human face. I remember thinking, 'Dolphin my butt — we just snagged ourselves a corpse.'

"But it didn't take long for the mermaid to start fighting and wiggling and squealing and croaking and waving her arms — she didn't sound human, but she didn't sound fishy, either. It was obvious she was trying to tell us something that we couldn't understand.

"My first mate almost jumped out of his skin when he got a closer look.

"He said, 'Holy smokes! Boss — it's human!'"

One quick-thinking crewman grabbed a camera and started snapping photos while Estere and a few other men tried to subdue the frantic mermaid by gripping her shoulders and talking to her.

"We didn't know what the hell to do," says Estere. "I said something stupid, like, 'We won't hurt you. Tell us your name.' But she was a wildcat — and strong.

"Have you ever tangled with a 5-foot fish? It's like trying to get a grip

CATCH OF THE DAY!

GOVERNMENT scientists find the mysterious mermaid to be strangely fascinating — while she's clearly a creature of the sea, she's just as clearly quite human (and quite lovely) from the waist up.

Although he denied it at first, Estere later admitted that two crewmen pinned the mermaid to the deck by putting their knees on her shoulders while a third blew marijuana smoke in her face to sedate her. Once she calmed down, they put her in an aerated tank that's normally used to keep lobsters and bait fish alive.

"I told my crew, 'This fishing trip's been canceled,'" says Estere. "And we high-tailed it back to Miami."

Estere says he radioed ahead for help but was shocked when stern-faced Customs agents seized the mermaid "without so much as a kiss in exotic birds or something," he recalls. "They also told me to keep my mouth shut and to stay away from the press.

"The last thing anybody wants to do is get on their high horse with me," he adds. "After that little scene, I made up my mind to tell the story to anybody who would listen."

Customs officers will neither confirm nor deny Estere's account of the incident, but they do say the mermaid is no longer in their jurisdiction. Pressed for details, one agency source says, "The wildlife boys took it. Talk to them."

under a White House-like shroud of secrecy, several insiders with knowledge of the research are saying that the creature is being well cared for.

"She seems to be happy," says an EPA source who is monitoring the mermaid's health and living conditions as if she were an endangered species. "She can be brooding when she's left alone.

"But when she sees a human, she perks right up, waving her arms and gesturing and chattering like a dolphin.

"Like everybody else, I can't wait

There's no more room in the underworld so . . .

SATAN IS BUILDING AN ADDITION TO HELL!

SOULS of the newly damned have no place to go.

By VINCENZO SARDI
Correspondent

DON'T WORRY. When there's no more room in Hell, the dead won't walk the Earth — because Satan is building an addition!

That's the bizarre claim of a turncoat Devil-worshipper who told Vatican investigators the Evil One plans to enlarge his domain by at least 300 million square feet — enough to accommodate billions of damned souls.

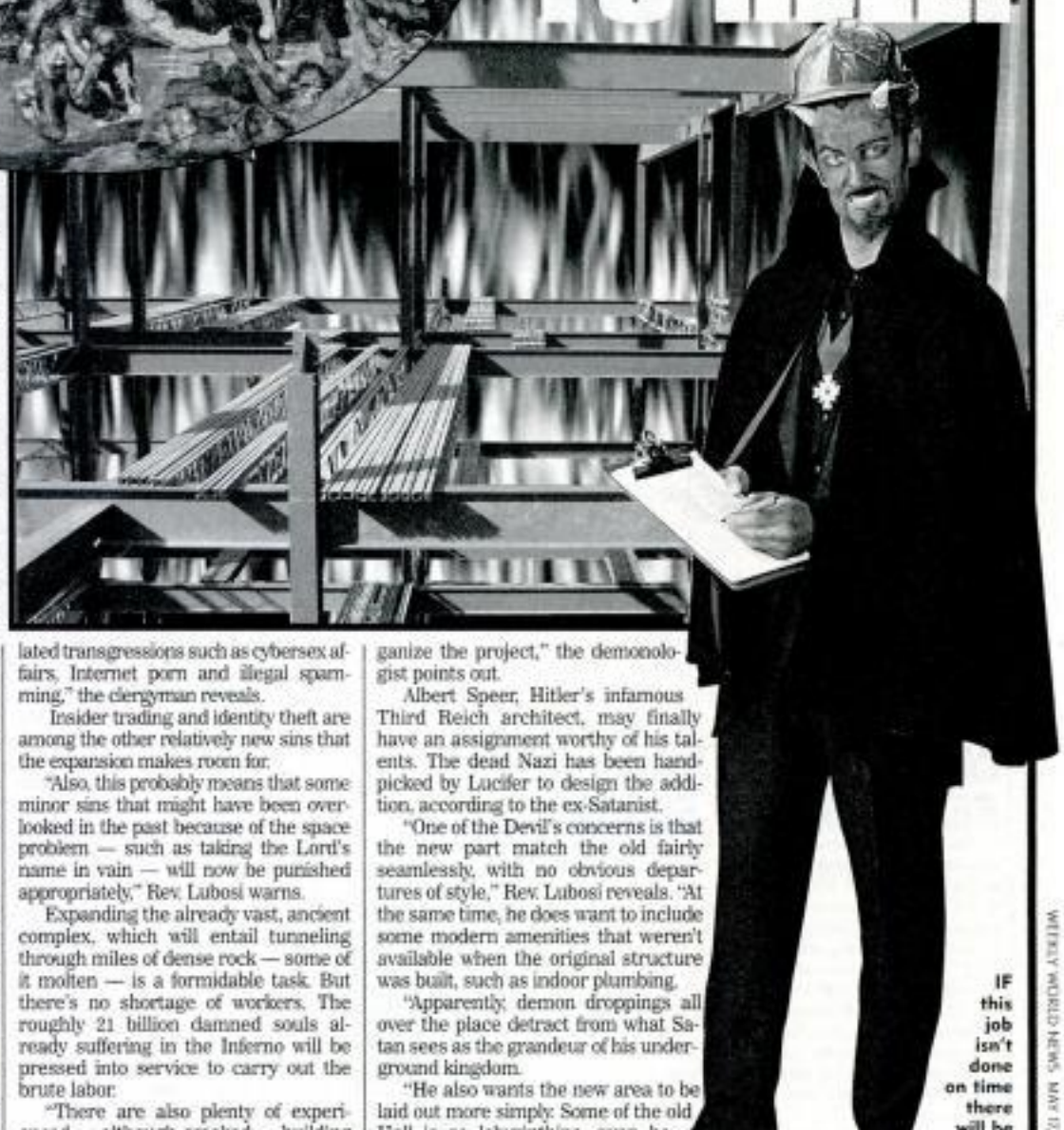
"Our informant, a former high-ranking Satanist, tells us his onetime master is adding four new circles to Hell, adjoining the nine that currently exist — in other words, he's almost doubling the property in size," reveals the Rev. Antonio Lubosi, a top Vatican demonologist.

The human population has ballooned astronomically in the eons since Hell was built.

"Satan has a certain reptilian cunning but, unlike God, is not truly omniscient — he could not foresee that the human population would one day soar into the billions," Rev. Lubosi explains.

"The defector informed us that Hell has become woefully overcrowded. Demons told him the screams of the damned are so deafening now, they can't even hear themselves think, and 'You can't jab someone's butt with a pitchfork without elbowing a fellow demon in the eye.'"

The new circles will accommodate condemned souls whose sins could not have been conceived of when Satan and



IF this job isn't done on time there will be

lated transgressions such as cybersex affairs, Internet porn and illegal spamming," the clergyman reveals.

Insider trading and identity theft are among the other relatively new sins that the expansion makes room for.

"Also, this probably means that some minor sins that might have been overlooked in the past because of the space problem — such as taking the Lord's name in vain — will now be punished appropriately," Rev. Lubosi warns.

Expanding the already vast, ancient complex, which will entail tunneling through miles of dense rock — some of it molten — is a formidable task. But there's no shortage of workers. The roughly 21 billion damned souls already suffering in the Inferno will be pressed into service to carry out the brute labor.

"There are also plenty of experi-

ganize the project," the demonologist points out.

Albert Speer, Hitler's infamous Third Reich architect, may finally have an assignment worthy of his talents. The dead Nazi has been handpicked by Lucifer to design the addition, according to the ex-Satanist.

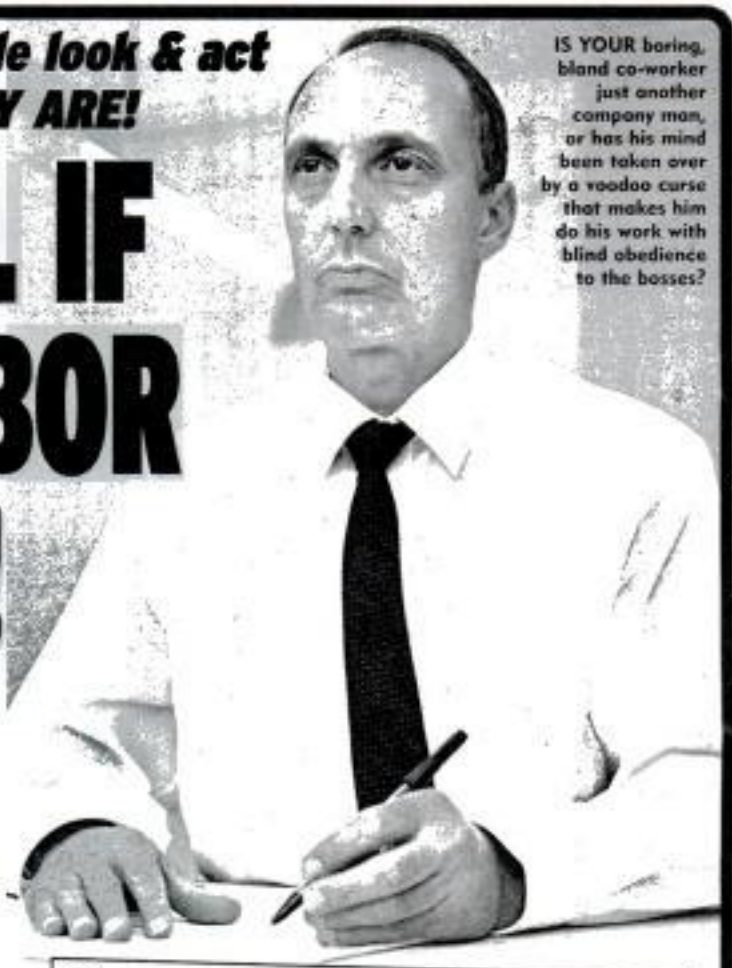
"One of the Devil's concerns is that the new part match the old fairly seamlessly, with no obvious departures of style," Rev. Lubosi reveals. "At the same time, he does want to include some modern amenities that weren't available when the original structure was built, such as indoor plumbing.

"Apparently, demon droppings all over the place detract from what Satan sees as the grandeur of his underground kingdom.

"He also wants the new area to be laid out more simply. Some of the old

Do you wonder why some people look & act like the living dead? WELL THEY ARE!

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR NEIGHBOR IS A ZOMBIE!



IS YOUR boring, bland co-worker just another company man, or has his mind been taken over by a voodoo curse that makes him do his work with blind obedience to the bosses?

By MIGUEL FIGUEROA/*Correspondent*

YOUR NEXT-DOOR neighbor or co-worker may be a shambling, mindless zombie trapped in a strange twilight existence between life and death!

That's the alarming warning of a top expert who says as many as one in 30 Americans is one of the walking dead.

"People think that if they stay away from Haiti, they don't have to worry much about zombies, but unfortunately that's no longer the case," declares D.C.-based researcher John Roskier.

"There are now millions of zombies in the United States. The chances that the 'quiet type' person working next to you on the assembly line, sitting in your pew at church or mowing the lawn across the street is a zombie are very, very high."

As far back as the 1920s, greedy American businessmen interested in securing cheap labor have visited Haiti to acquire zombie-making skills from unscrupulous voodoo priests in exchange for cash, the researcher reveals.

Anonymous government sources have also alleged that some federal and state agencies have quietly installed zombies as low-level bureaucrats.

In the 1980s, Harvard ethnobotanist Wade Davis uncovered the means by which people supposedly dead and buried are turned into robot-like slaves.

"It turned out potions are used to paralyze the victims, simulate death and make them highly suggestible when revived," explains Roskier.

"Once the ingredients became common knowledge, employers eagerly wanted in on the action — and since then there's been a zombie boom here in the U.S."

Here, from the expert, are 10 warning signs that someone who lives or works beside you is a zombie:

1 VACANT EXPRESSION — Zombies rarely display emotion. You may often notice them gazing blankly into space, even while you're telling them a great story or joke.

2 FOLLOWS ORDERS WITHOUT QUESTION — Zombies are extremely docile. That co-worker who always wins kudos for being a "team player" could be one of the walking dead.

3 SMELLS FUNNY — Zombies typically smell none too fresh. "By the same token, some have been trained to disguise their true nature — too much heavy cologne or perfume is another red flag," Roskier points out.

4 PREFERS MINDLESS, REPETITIVE TASKS — Never complains about washing the dishes or other boring household chores.

5 MUMBLES — Don't count on much gossip over the backyard

tences of more than two words and when they do it's barely audible.

6 DRAB WARDROBE — The walking dead have little concern for grooming or fashion. "A zombie may wear the same suit to the office every day for years," the expert reveals.

7 SHUFFLING GAIT — Zombies rarely stride briskly. "Examine the suspected zombie's shoes — you'll find the soles are very scuffed from dragging their feet," Roskier suggests.

8 FEELS NO PAIN — Poke the suspect in the hand with a letter opener "accidentally" and he or she probably won't even flinch.

9 NEVER ADDS SALT TO FOOD. "Zombies are allergic to salt, just as vampires are to garlic," Roskier explains. "You may also notice they purchase low-sodium products at the supermarket."

10 MESMERIZED BY TV — A zombie can stare intently at a television set for hours — even when

Our government has been using undead as low-level civil servants for years!

CARMEN ELECTRA THINKS ABOUT SEX EVERY 20 SECONDS!

GUYS, if you gaze at curvaceous Carmen Electra for a minute and sex crosses your mind a couple of times, don't feel guilty — in the same period, it's crossed her mind three times. The gorgeous former *Baywatch* babe recently confessed that she thinks about sex every 20 seconds!

Cutie Carmen also admitted she used to be "addicted to stripping," in an interview with Virgin Radio's Ben Jones.

And while the bodacious bombshell is straight as an arrow, she also turned radio back into the theater of the imagination for every red-blooded male listener when she made the steamy revelation that she'd rather have a woman strip for her than a man.

"There's something about male strippers, it's a little corny for me," reveals Carmen, now starring in the big-screen version of *Starsky and Hutch*.

"Most of my girlfriends would rather have a lap dance by a girl

BOO! YOU'RE DEAD!

Grim Reaper has a sense of humor, says expert

By JANE MARX
Correspondent

DEATH's favorite prank is the "Guess Who?" game — and an expert says he's playing it even with people who aren't scheduled to move on to the next life!

DEATH is becoming a real scamp, says a paranormal expert.

"His latest trick is to step silently behind somebody, put his bony hands over their eyes and say, 'Guess who?,' " says Dr. Sandra McAlpine, a London-based researcher.

"And when the victim turns around, he or she sees a grinning skeleton in executioner garb carrying his trademark reaper's scythe — and promptly drops dead of a heart attack.

"Who says Death doesn't have a sense of humor — sick and twisted as it may be?"

Dr. McAlpine says she was alerted to the phenomenon by a 65-year-old Minnesota man who had a near-death experience with the Reaper last November. The retired lawyer was revived moments after falling for the gruesome "Guess Who?" game.

"Fortunately for my research, and for him, it wasn't this man's time to go," Dr. McAlpine says. "And we've found several other cases in which the victim was revived after collapsing — apparently Death gets a big kick out of this foolishness and tries it with people who aren't even on his list."

But at least 500 other people haven't been so lucky.

She says witnesses reported that moments before collapsing, the victim pointed into the air and murmured desperate words such as "Please, no — please, I'm not ready to go."

"Of course no one living saw the specter of Death in those cases, so this is a matter of conjecture on my part," Dr. McAlpine admits. "But those chilling deathbed cries, and the first-person accounts of near-death subjects, tell me that I am absolutely correct."

In one tragic case, Dr. McAlpine says, a 70-year-old farmer in Iowa was sitting at the breakfast table as his wife cooked at the stove behind him.

That's when Death arrived to play "Guess Who?"

"The poor man evidently thought he was feeling his own wife's rather bony hands over his face, because she later told us she heard him saying, 'Why, who could it be but my darling Lucy?'

"She said he turned around and smiled at her — and dropped dead."

The malicious game isn't Death's only dirty trick, according to Dr. McAlpine. Here are some others:

A 60-year-old librarian sat on a whoopee cushion at the checkout desk, and looked up to see Death grinning at her as he handed her a book to sign out. "The person who was supposed to be first in line swears she felt a distinct chill in the air, and just before the librarian collapsed she saw a book on the desk move," Dr. McAlpine says.

A 55-year-old schoolteacher was hit by a spitball as he wrote on the blackboard — but when the teacher turned around to reprimand the offender, he was confronted by Death sitting in the front row. Several frightened fifth-graders later reported seeing the spitball flying through the air before the teacher died, and all denied throwing it.

A 20-year-old college student with a heart murmur climbed into bed one night and found it had been "short-sheeted" by her roommate — or so she thought. "It was Death, of course," Dr. McAlpine says sadly.

Dr. McAlpine advises that if Death tries to play "Guess Who?" or attempts some other childish prank, the best course is to simply refuse to play along.

"If you find some fake vomit on your desk at work, laugh it off," she says. "If you feel the bony hands of Death over your eyes and you hear 'Guess who?' just say in a calm voice, 'I don't know and I don't care.'

"If it's your time to pass on, you won't be able to get out of your meeting with your Maker," she says.

KILLER CARP HUNTING FISHERMEN!

MORE EVIDENCE has surfaced that nature is beginning to fight back against mankind, worried experts say.

In Missouri, scores of fishermen have been attacked by carp that turn the tables on their would-be captors — leaping into boats and savagely biting the anglers!

In some cases, the hit-and-run missions end with fish be-

carp willingly suffocate on the bottom of boats after delivering their terrifying "leave us alone" message. The savagery of the surprise attacks

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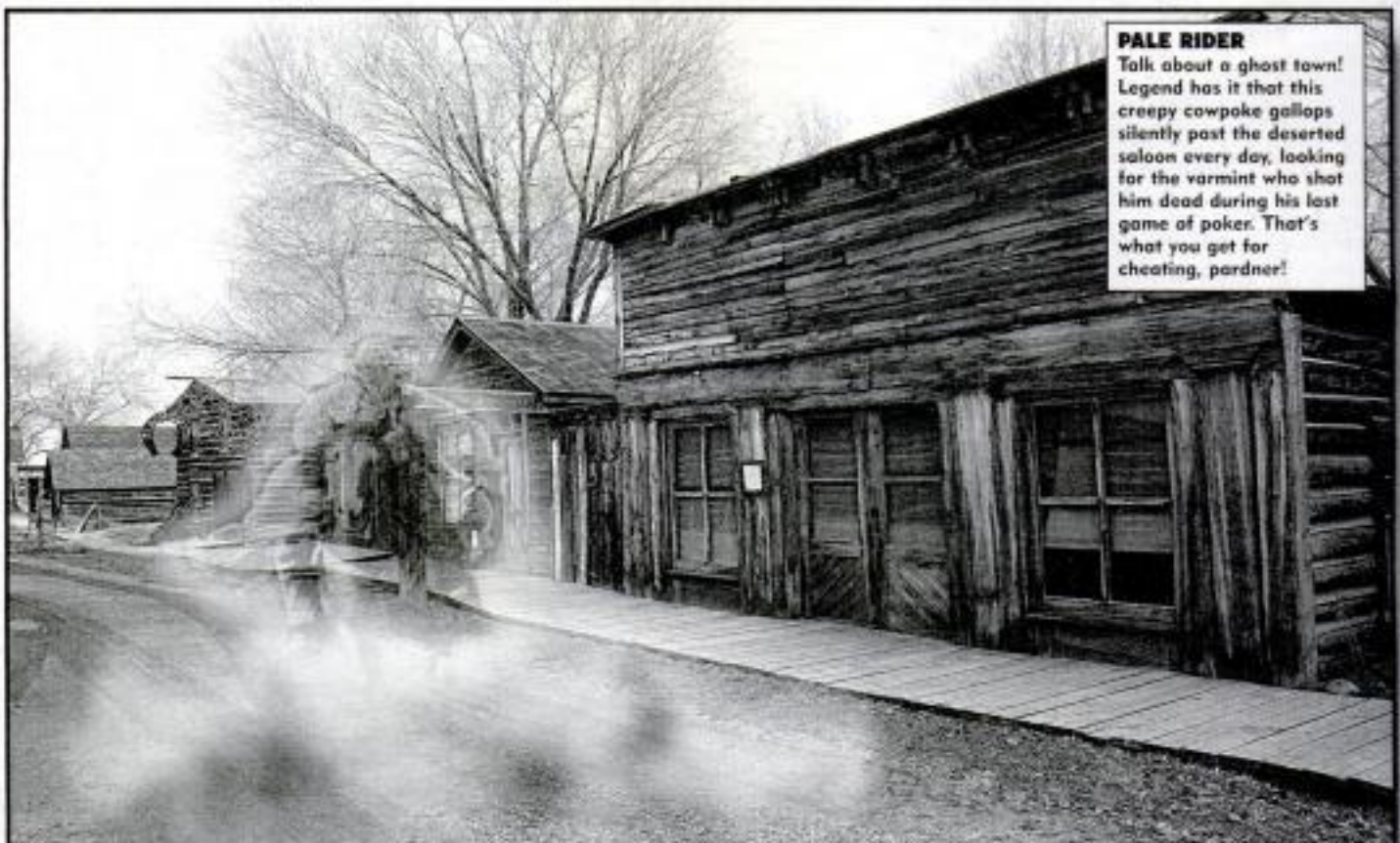
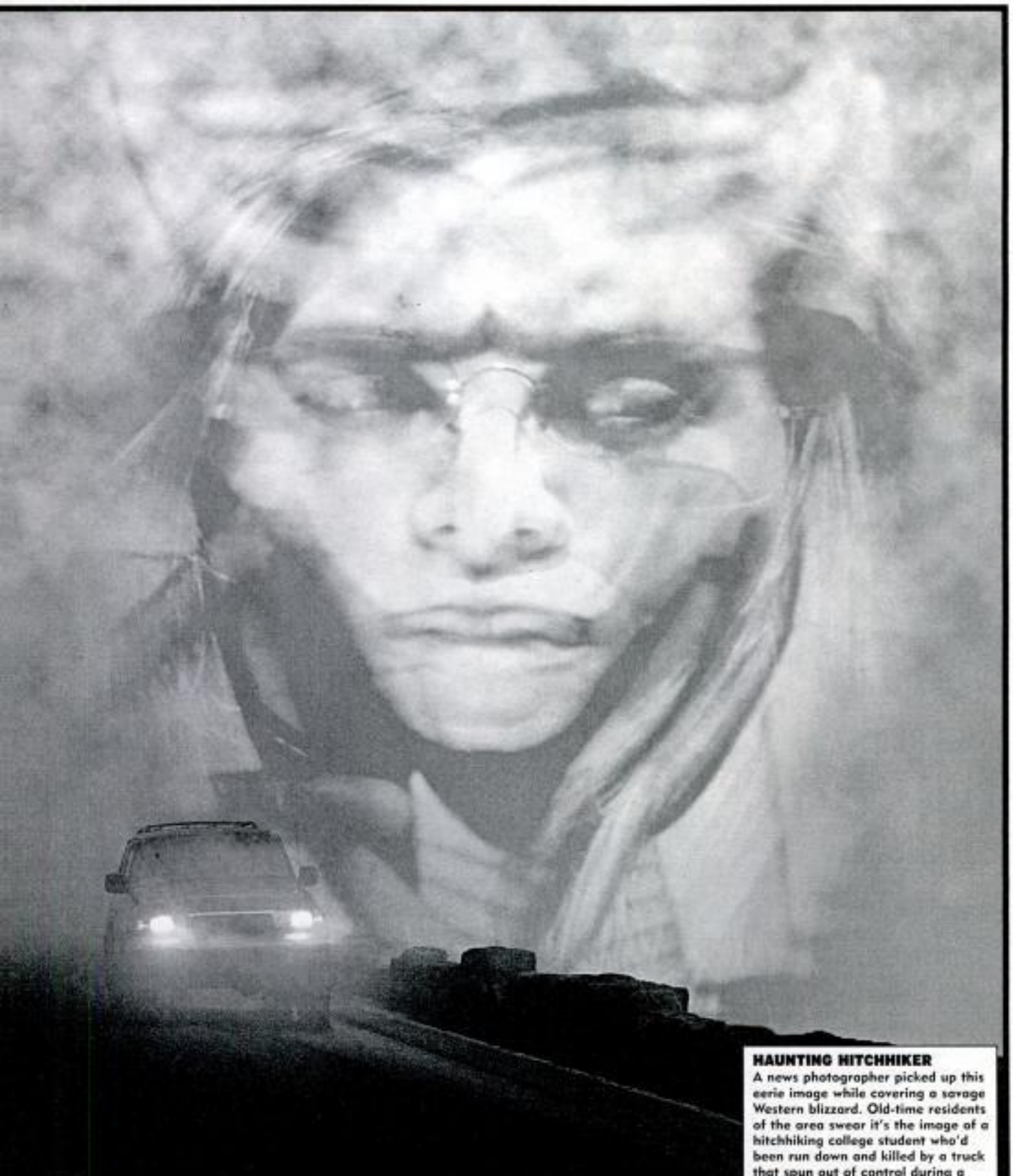
GHASTLY GHOSTS & GHOULS

HAUNTED mansions, doomed lovers, gruesome demons — the world is full of scary things, and if you're like most people you can't get enough of them! We've assembled a cauldron of creepy stories and freaky photos that are sure to send a delicious chill down your spine. So sit back, relax and enjoy. Just make sure you check the closets and turn on all the lights!



PALE RIDER
Talk about a ghost town! Legend has it that this creepy cowpoke gallops silently past the deserted saloon every day, looking for the varmint who shot him dead during his last game of poker. That's what you get for cheating, pardner!



HAUNTING HITCHHIKER
A news photographer picked up this eerie image while covering a savage Western blizzard. Old-time residents of the area swear it's the image of a hitchhiking college student who'd been run down and killed by a truck that spun out of control during a

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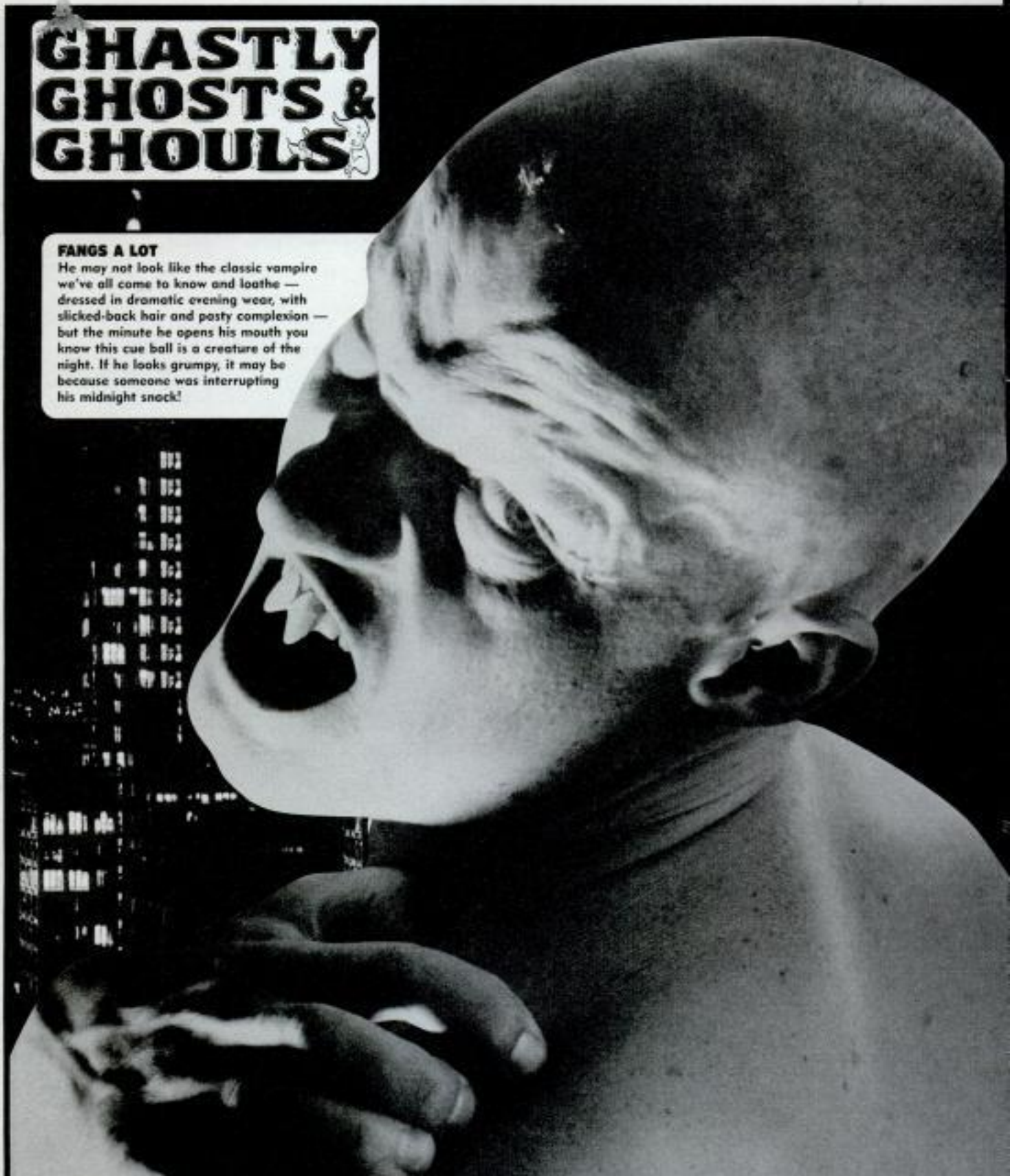

FANGS A LOT

He may not look like the classic vampire we've all come to know and loathe — dressed in dramatic evening wear, with slicked-back hair and pasty complexion — but the minute he opens his mouth you know this cue ball is a creature of the night. If he looks grumpy, it may be because someone was interrupting his midnight snack!

GHOSTLY REMAINS
The dead rise to take care of business, and sometimes their activities can be recorded with highly sophisticated photographic equipment. Researchers were pleasantly surprised at the clarity of this image, which was captured as the entity was materializing over the grave of a housemaid from a nearby estate who died in 1895. The wraith then dissolved into the ground, and has not been seen since. Camera-shy, perhaps.

SUPERNATURAL NYMPH
This eerily beautiful apparition is often seen gliding through a Louisiana high school's swimming pool. Folklore claims she's the spirit of a young girl who went off to Hollywood in the 1920s to make her fortune as a Tinseltown bathing beauty. Her hopeful young life was cut short by an ill-fated romance with a no-good ladies' man, and now she's returned home to start over. The tale has many adherents, but others insist it's all wet.

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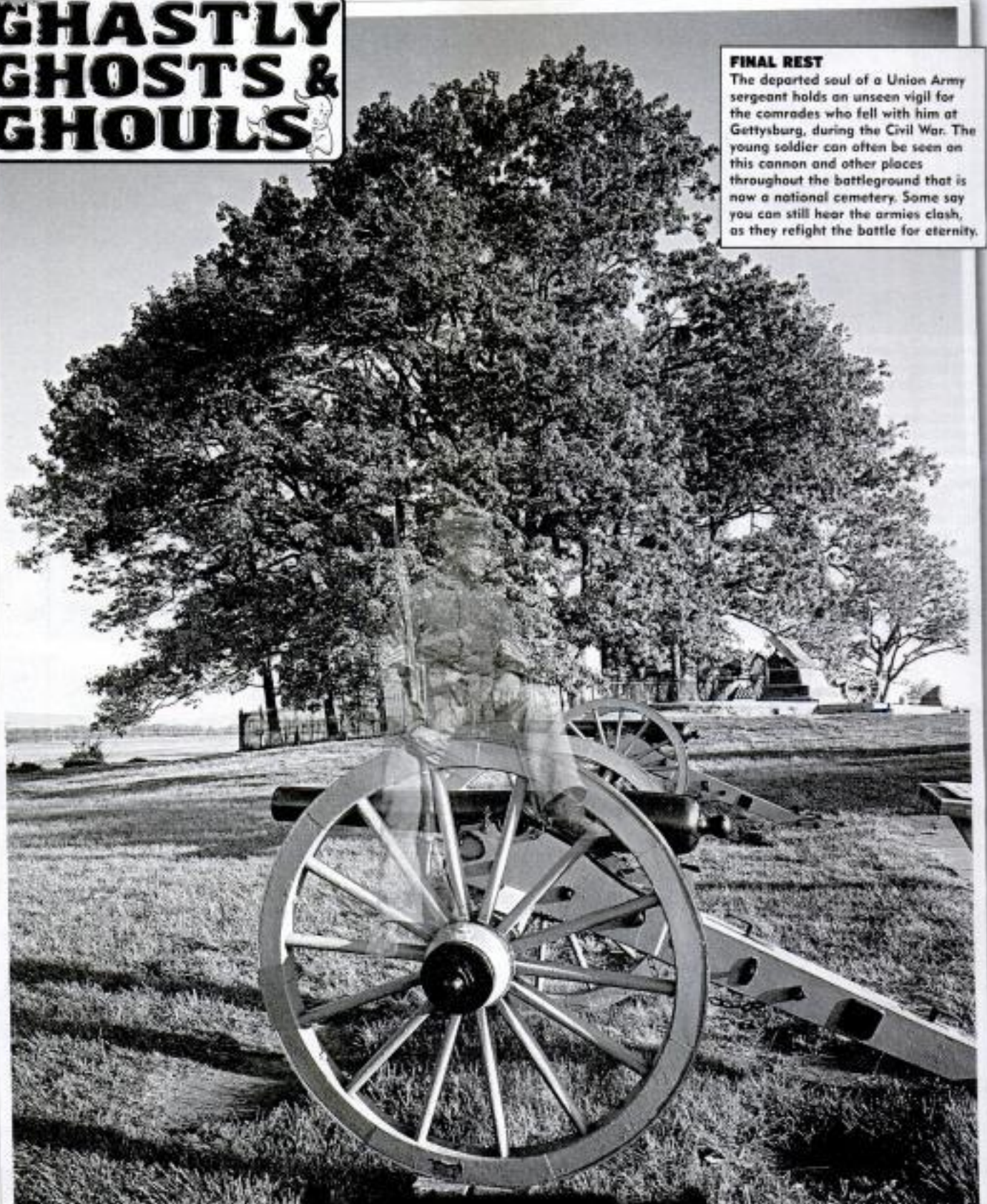
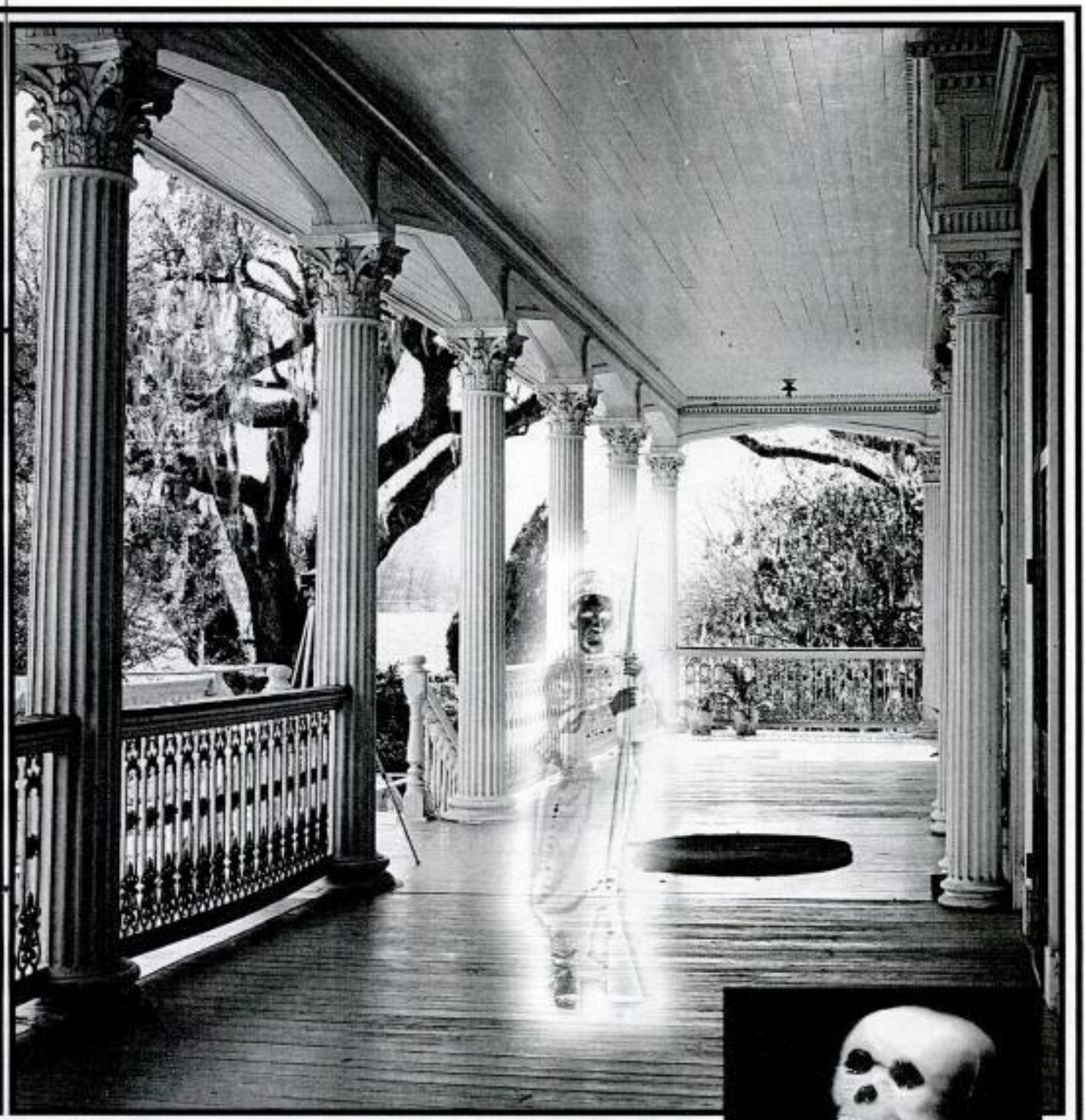


FINAL REST
The departed soul of a Union Army sergeant holds an unseen vigil for the comrades who fell with him at Gettysburg, during the Civil War. The young soldier can often be seen on this cannon and other places throughout the battleground that is now a national cemetery. Some say you can still hear the armies clash, as they refight the battle for eternity.



SOUTHERN GOTHIC
There's nothing like an old plantation for tragic tales of doomed romance, and this one is a doozy. A tourist snapped this photo after touring the aging mansion, and thought she was getting a pretty remembrance of the genteel home — but what she got instead almost made her drop her digital camera when she checked the screen! The locals say this is the spirit of a Union soldier who made the mistake of falling in love with the daughter of the wealthy plantation owner, who was renowned for his hatred of "those dirty Yankees." He killed the soldier and locked his daughter in the attic until she reportedly died of a broken heart a year later. It's said that the dead soldier still haunts

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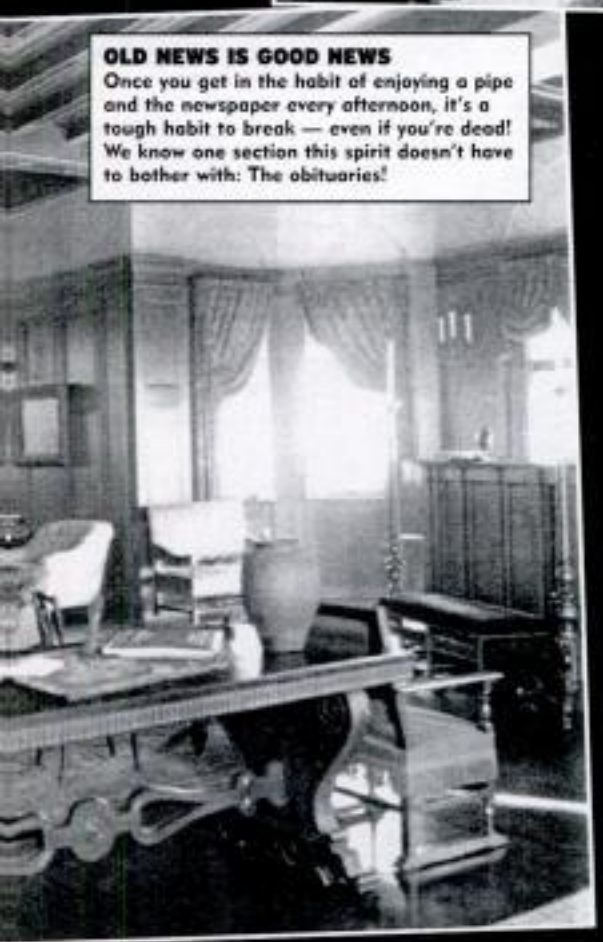
HAUNTED MANOR
More ghastly tales come from this Victorian mansion that hasn't been occupied in decades — at least, not for more than one night at a time . . . Images on these pages come from hidden cameras set up in the house by researchers who wanted to get to the bottom of the haunting history.

DEATH WATCH
Researchers dressed in Victorian garb to make the ghosts feel as comfortable as possible. But maybe the spirits felt a little too comfortable: This associate barely escaped the sharp knife being hurled toward the back of her head by an unseen hand.

Photo courtesy www.earth1000.com

Photo courtesy www.worth1000.com

MUSIC IN THE AIR
An eerie melody drifted through the mansion and led researchers to this demented duet for piano and violin. Whoever's pounding out the tune on piano can not only read sheet music — but may be wearing a sheet as well!



OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS
Once you get in the habit of enjoying a pipe and the newspaper every afternoon, it's a tough habit to break — even if you're dead! We know one section this spirit doesn't have to bother with: The obituaries!

BEWITCHING BRIDE
This haunting photo shows the spirit of a young bride as she tries to speak to a member of the research team. He wasn't sure what she was saying — except that it wasn't "I do"!

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FREE SPIRIT
Victorian times were pretty straitlaced, and no one ever got to just cut loose. Local lore claims the family who last lived in the house had a rebellious daughter who stayed out all night and scandalized her proper parents with all sorts of wild behavior. Looks like the young lady has finally found freedom in death!

MONSTER MASH
Here's one of the more gruesome — and terrifying — images captured by the researchers. Experts say ghosts can't harm a living person with physical contact, that they kill by inducing heart-stopping terror. We'd say this ugly entity is pretty well qualified for that job!

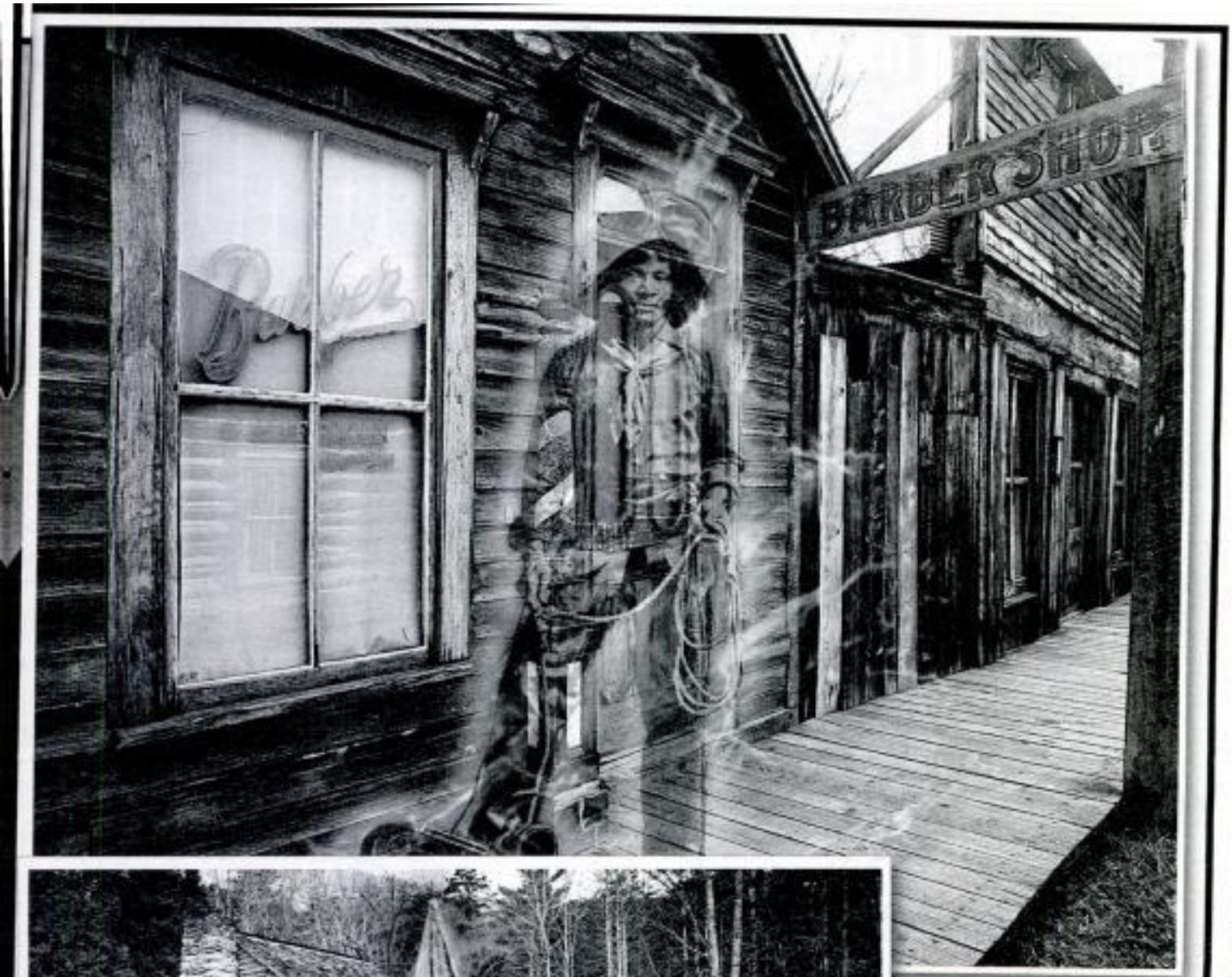
TODDLER TERROR
Don't worry about the little girl in this photo. Moments after it was snapped, the terrified tot was rescued by frantic family members. This is one witch who won't be going back to her gingerbread house anytime soon!

DEAD MAN WALKING
This heart-stopping photo was taken from the security camera at a hospital morgue, as you can see by the date stamp in the upper-left corner. It captures the soul of the man whose dead body lies on the autopsy table, waiting to be cut open so doctors can learn the cause of death. The really shocking part is that this sort of thing doesn't happen more often in morgues, with all those souls hanging around waiting to be released!

COULD IT BE . . . SATAN?
No, it's just one of his minions. Unlike God, Satan can't be everywhere. So he has a full staff of demonic representatives standing in for him. And the way things have been going for us humans lately, it looks like Hell is WAY

HANGING AROUND
See the shadow of the body hanging from this gnarled old tree? Legend has it that that's the ghost of a notorious Western outlaw who was hanged at high noon almost 150 years ago. They say that each year on the anniversary of his execution, the dead outlaw returns to haunt his old gallows. That's what we call "getting into the swing of things"!

ARMY OF THE DAMNED
Coalition commanders in Iraq may soon be unleashing some very special forces on the insurgents who've been blowing themselves up and taking everyone else with them. This soldier of freakdom looks ready to escort the enemy back to a special place: Hell!



HOME AGAIN

One theory of Heaven is that you get to spend eternity in the place you love best, and maybe these two souls are doing just that.

Above is the famous Nat Love, an African-American cowboy who called himself Deadwood Dick in honor of his roping talents.

At left is a Union soldier bearing the tattered flag he protected in countless battles of the Civil War.

Both spirits somehow made it into photos snapped by tourists visiting the remains of the two historic sites — a Western ghost town, above, and an old family farm, at left.

Welcome home, fellas!

NEWS 'TOONS

"We all make mistakes, so stop kicking yourself . . . We have people on the payroll to do that."

"Sorry, Chester . . . I'm busy tonight, but I may be free tomorrow."

"You're the best-looking husband I've ever had."

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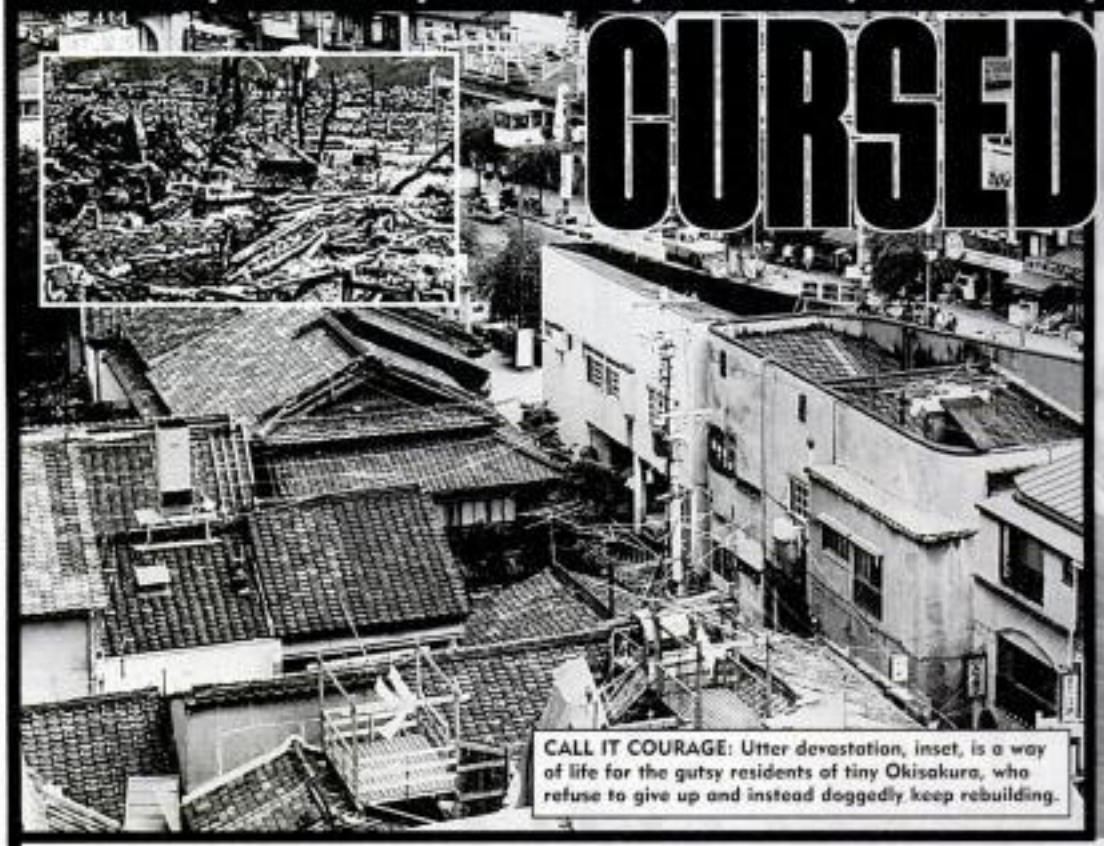

CALL IT COURAGE: Utter devastation, inset, is a way of life for the gutsy residents of tiny Okisakura, who refuse to give up and instead doggedly keep rebuilding.

By MICHAEL CHIRON/*Correspondent*

OUTSIDERS say the Japanese town of Okisakura is cursed because it's been visited by virtually every form of disaster known to man — including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, tsunamis, wildfires, epidemics, tornadoes, mud slides and even a plague of locusts!

The death toll from the catastrophes has whittled down the town's population from roughly 14,000 in 1790 to just 283 souls today.

But incredibly, the plucky residents of the disaster-prone town refuse to give in — and in more than 300 years of destruction and havoc, not a single citizen has ever moved away.

"People call us hardheaded, or say we are fools. But the fact is, we love Okisakura, and most of the time, it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family," says Mayor Fujita Watanabe.

"This is the town of our ancestors

the town has suffered:

● An 1812 earthquake leveled more than 10,000 buildings and killed

an estimated 8,200 people.

● An outbreak of the bubonic plague swept through Okisakura in 1845, claiming more than 800 lives.

● A 60-foot tsunami inundated the town in 1880, drowning at least 900 people and causing an estimated $20 million in damages.

● In 1925, the island's long dormant volcano unexpectedly erupted, pouring tons of lava through the streets, de-

vampires" caused a wave of deaths due to blood loss. "The vampire story is just base superstition," says Mayor Watanabe. "But there was some sort of epidemic of anemia that remains unexplained to this day."

● In 1943, at least 240 people died when a kamikaze pilot flew off course and crashed into downtown Okisakura, blowing up dozens of homes.

● An explosion at a chemical plant released toxic gas blamed for 73 deaths in 1986. Several hundred people who were exposed to the gas but survived experience respiratory problems to this day.

● Typhoon Flo, which slammed Okisakura in 1990, destroyed two-

thirds of the town and left 28 people dead.

● In 2000, a freak fire which started when a karaoke machine short-circuited burned 31 homes and businesses to the ground, killing 17.

● In November of 2002, an uncommonly large meteor crashed into

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TOWN FEELS THE WRATH OF GOD

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BUT THE GUTSY SURVIVORS REFUSE TO LEAVE!

PLUCKY disaster victims have learned to grin and bear it through decades of calamity.

patients, four nurses, two doctors and an X-ray technician.

"Okisakura has really had more than its share of bad luck," confirms Japanese historian Ichiro Takahashi. "In the 1920s, the town's crops were completely destroyed by locusts — almost unheard of in Japan.

"About 300 people died in the ensuing famine."

Remarkably, although the town has been flattened on at least six occasions, Okisakura's stubborn residents refuse to leave the Ryukyu Island chain in the East China Sea, have rebuilt their beloved burg.

"After last year's fire, we stood around weeping," recalls 72-year-old barber Akira Sato. "Some people actually talked about 'getting the hell out of here' and moving to the mainland.

"But then we did what we always do. We rolled up our sleeves and started helping our neighbors rebuild their homes."

witch in the 18th century.

But town historians call that rubbish.

"Nothing like that ever happened. There is no curse," Mayor Watanabe insists. "We've just had a run of bad luck."

Residents even have a sense of humor about the blows fate has dealt them.

Reveals Sato: "When something

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FEDERAL agencies say so many flabby Americans are dieting that there is a very real danger our rivers will become clogged with gooey, oily fat, killing fish and disrupting commerce.

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"The logistics could be handled by a central agency such as the Department of Health and Human Services or the Centers for Disease Control."

No word yet on how the president will respond to suggestions that people with even-numbered birth dates should diet on even-numbered days while people with odd-numbered birth dates do just the opposite.

But as one senior administration official puts it, "With 170 million fat Americans desperately needing to lose weight, rotation dieting isn't just something we ought to do, it's something we have to do. Otherwise our rivers and inland waters are going to thicken up and start looking like clam chowder."

Family values group wants to ban shaving of pubic hair!

A FAMILY VALUES group has come up with a hairy new proposal. It wants to ban women from shaving off their pubic hair! The Family First Council is pushing Alabama legislators to put an end to the trend, claiming that it began among porn starlets and swingers and harms children. "It's disgusting and unnatural," argues the Rev. Samuel Pusterman. "This practice is designed to make women look like prepubescents and can only encourage child abuse.

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COMPUTER GEEK'S GOT A SIX-PACK . . . on the back of his hands!

A 43-YEAR-OLD nerd spends so much time typing away on his computer that rippling muscles have popped out on the backs of his hands.

Geeky Fred Nearson has even come up with a name for his "ripped" new look — he calls it his "nerd's six-pack."

"Bodybuilders pump iron to develop six-pack abs in their stomachs and I 'pumped key' at my computer to develop six-pack muscles in my hands," explains the tittering, eye-rolling programmer who lives in Sydney, Australia.

A doctor who has seen the protruding, postage stamp-size muscles describes them as "most unusual, indeed."

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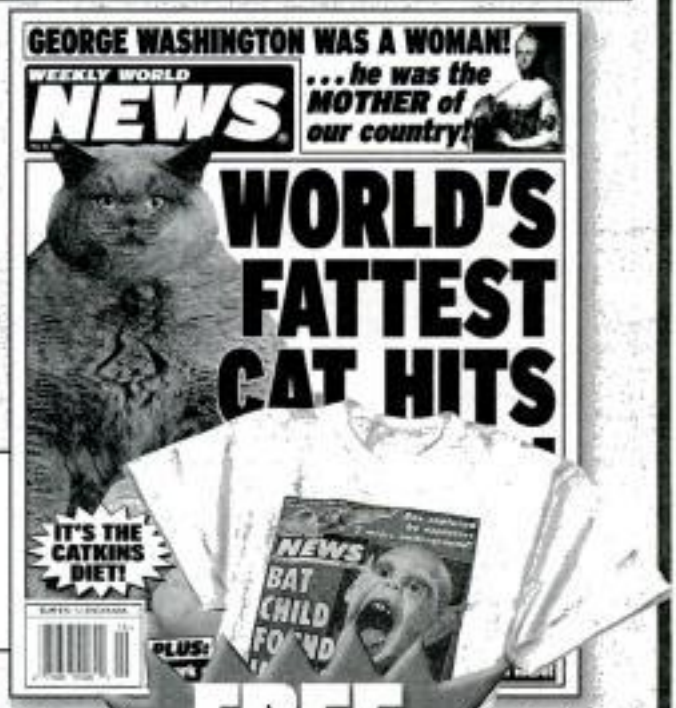

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Gen. Sam Houston led his troops to victory with the famous

THE WOOD FROG spends the winter frozen solid and thaws out in the spring. Britain's crown jewels are covered with a dazzling 1,783 diamonds. A two-hour movie uses 10,800 feet of film — a little more than two miles.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

● On Nov. 3, 1958, security guards made snowballs on top of the Empire State Building while it was raining on the streets 1,250 feet below — that's how much colder it gets at that altitude.

● Massachusetts had the nation's first minimum-wage law, which went into effect in 1913.

● The classic Broadway musical *West Side Story* was originally called *East Side Story*.

● Researchers say boys cry almost as much as girls — until age 12, when they start swallowing their tears.

Word of the week — Tatterdemalion: Ragged, dilapidated, worn-looking

● The handsome actor Campbell Scott is the son of acclaimed stars George C. Scott and Colleen Dewhurst.

● What's the French word for "celery"? *Celeri*.

● The Federal Trade Commission says TV shows broadcast 20,000 commercials for children's products each year, and 7,000 of them are for sugary breakfast cereals.

● Talk about careful! Heinrich W. Brandes collected data for the first weather map in 1783 — and didn't publish it until in 1815, because he wanted to make sure it was accurate.

● The first shot of the Persian Gulf War was fired by the nuclear submarine *U.S.S. Louisville*. It was a cruise missile painted with the famous logo of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat.

● In America, the gambling device that pays big money if you get matching pictures of fruit is called a slot machine. In England, it's called a fruit machine.

● The trash can with a foot pedal that opens the lid was patented by Lillian Moller Gilbreth (1878-1972), a mom of 12 who invented many labor-saving household gadgets.

● The computer giant IBM called itself the Computer-Tabulating-Recording Co. when it first incorporated, in 1911. It changed its name to International Business Machines in 1924.

● Robert Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, was almost smashed to death when he fell between two railroad cars in New Jersey. He was rescued by the brother of the man who later assassinated his dad: Edwin Booth, the brother of John Wilkes Booth.

● Only 30 percent of teenage boys use sunscreen when lounging around the swimming pool, compared to 46 percent of girls.

● Zorro, the fictional masked *hombre* who fought evildoers in old Mexico, was the alter ego of the aristocratic Don Diego de la Vega.

● The planet Neptune was first spotted in 1795, but astronomers thought it was

There are more than 100,000 different species of butterfly. Shown here is the transparent Clearwing butterfly from Costa Rica.

Eagle-eyed cowgirl Annie Oakley's real name was Phoebe Anne Oakley.

It was Canadian journalist Sandy Gardiner who came up with the word "Beatlemania" to describe

REMEMBERING THE

● For 13 days in February and March 1836, a determined band of men fought thousands of Mexican soldiers at the Battle of the Alamo, in what is now San Antonio, Texas. The battle has been immortalized in movies and in the hearts and minds of Texans. Here's some of what they remember:

● Modern-day Texas was originally part of Mexico, but American settlers — known as "Texians" — had been seeking independence for years. One issue that sparked their revolution was Mexico's abolition of slavery.

● In December 1835, about 150 Texians occupied the Alamo after several days of fighting. They were later joined by 32 volunteers from Gonzales. On Feb. 24, 1836, Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa

rallying cry: Remember the Alamo — & more fascinating...

TRIVIA

By KATE McCLARE
Correspondent

just a star until correctly identifying it in 1846.

● The pupil of an octopus' eye is rectangular.

● The strongest bone in the human body is the thigh bone — even though it's hollow.

● You can beat death by mixing half an onion with beer foam, according to the ancient Egyptians.

● *Zoom!* The pronghorn antelope can run at a breathtaking 61 m.p.h. That's still not as fast as the cheetah, which can do 70.

● Liquor rated 190 proof is 97 percent alcohol. Drink up, kids!

● The first macaroni factory in the United States was built in 1848 by Antoine Zegera in Brooklyn, N.Y.

● The Philippines is made up of 7,107 islands.

● Bees need the nectar of about 2 million flowers to make a pound of honey.

● Behavioral scientists say Russian men are comfortable standing 10 inches apart when they talk, but American men need about two feet between them.

● America wasn't the first nation to land a spacecraft on the moon — the Soviets made it there first, with *Luna 2* in 1959. We were the first to put a human being there, which is a lot trickier.

● It's no surprise that in a recent survey of global travelers, U.S. toilets were declared No. 1 in the world.

● The written Chinese language uses more than 40,000 different characters.

● "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us worthy evidence of the fact."
— Writer George Eliot

The only way a rabbit can get around is by hopping or leaping — never by walking.

Due, in part, to her role as Kim Bauer on TV's *24*, Elisha Cuthbert is one of the hottest young actresses in Hollywood right now. Because the Fox series supposedly takes place in one 24-hour day, the cast must stick with the same wardrobe all season. "I feel like I'm one of the Simpsons," says Cuthbert.

ALAMO

troops in a siege that ended with hand-to-hand fighting inside the fort on March 6.

● The 189 defenders killed in the battle included nine Hispanic men who had fought alongside the Texians in support of independence.

● The battle ignited the fight for Texas freedom. Six weeks later, 783 men led by Gen. Sam Houston defeated 1,500 Mexicans at San Jacinto with the rallying cry, "Remember the Alamo!" The Texians won the battle — and their brief war.

● Texas was annexed into the United States in 1844

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BONUS PUZZLE

There's a new sheriff in town . . .

SPACE ALIEN POSSE ROUNDS UP BAD GUYS

By TED CANNADY
Correspondent

SPACE ALIENS have taken over law enforcement in parts of the West, and cops who usually condemn vigilante justice say they're grateful for the help.

THEY SHOOT FIRST & ASK QUESTIONS LATER!

A flurry of recent reports describe how beautiful female humanoids backed by robot deputies have shot down drug dealers, would-be rapists and other undesirables in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and New Mexico.

The lady aliens are said to wear holstered six-guns and silver stars like lawmen in the Wild West. The only difference is that they aren't constricted by the laws of physics.

Eyewitnesses say the extraterrestrial women materialize out of thin air at the scenes of crimes, zero in on the bad buys — and then blow them away.

"These women don't talk or argue," says one senior police officer in Kalispell, Mont.

"They shoot first and ask questions later."

The FBI estimates that in the past three months at least 23 known or suspected criminals have been gunned down in cold blood, but the actual number could be higher because killings in remote areas may be going unreported.

One Colorado rancher says she was awakened in the middle of the night by a masked man trying to break through her bedroom window.

"He had a butcher knife and he was almost inside the house when I heard 'Bang! Bang! Bang!'," says the 57-year-old woman.

"I got up and saw the man lying dead on the ground outside my window. Just a short ways off, a right pretty young woman blew smoke away from the end of her revolver and gave me a wave.

"There was something that looked like a big bug flapping

So do FBI investigators who've heard similar reports from more than 60 men, women and children in 21 towns in four states.

In each case, the eyewitnesses reported that a strange woman appeared out of nowhere when criminal activity was taking place. In each instance, the space alien shot and killed a criminal suspect with a silver, long-barrel revolver drawn from a shiny black holster. The eyewitnesses also reported seeing a shiny, bug-like "deputy robot" flitting around her.

"Witnesses are describing the alien women as looking human, but subtly strange," says the FBI investigator.

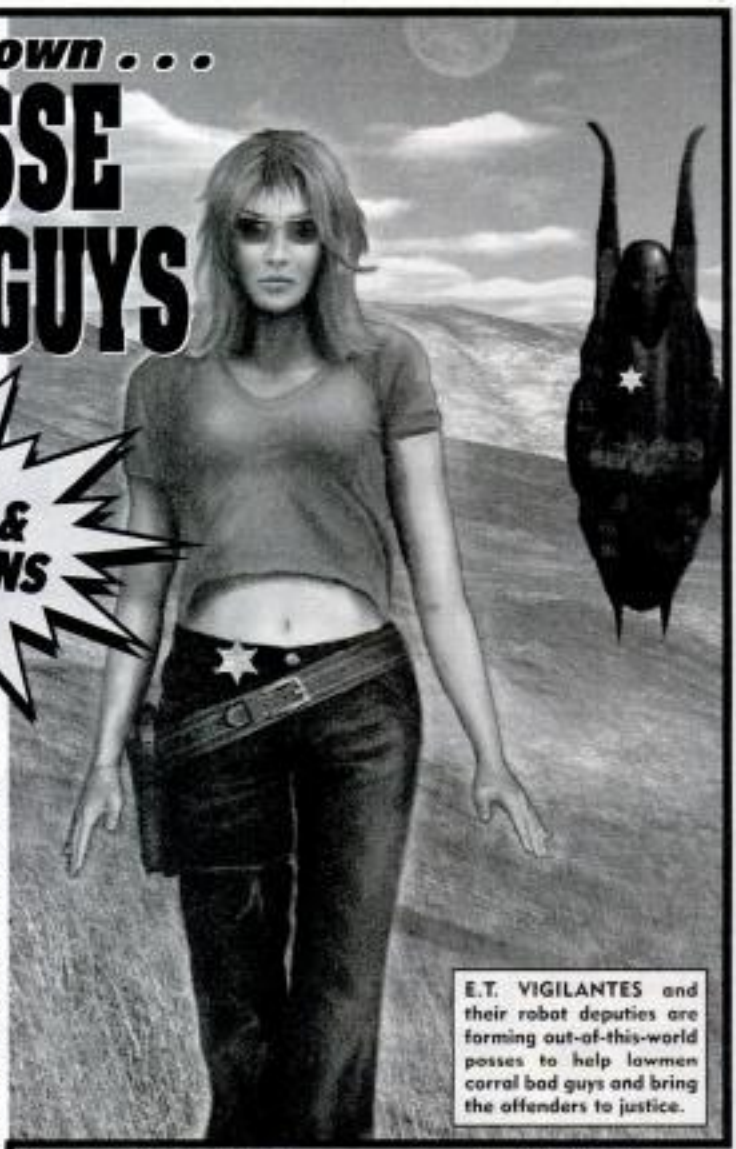
"We haven't the faintest idea how many aliens we're dealing with. Based on the descriptions we're getting, there are at least five, and each one has one of those robots."

Why the extraterrestrials would suddenly turn up in the western United States brandishing six-guns and killing criminal suspects without benefit of a trial is a mystery.

UFO investigators working under contract with the FBI say it's unclear whether the extraterrestrial crime-stoppers are genuinely interested in helping police get criminals off the streets — or just playing a game.

"For all we know they're coming here to have a little fun," says one investigator. "You'd think if their sole intent was to help the police, they'd be vaporizing the bad guys with laser guns — not picking them off with something as old-fashioned as a revolver."

The FBI source says anyone who



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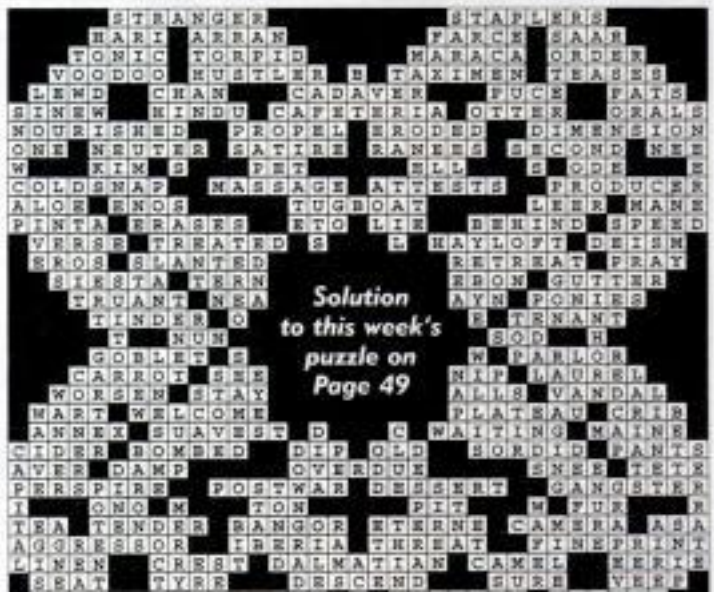

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TEMPERATURES in the Ukraine turned into a midwinter heat wave — the mercury soared to a toasty three degrees above zero — so a few of the tougher townsfolk decided to work on their tans. After this little display, we bet a lot of people are praying for a cold snap!

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DOUBLE FEATURE

Has my daughter become a hooker?

DEAR SONYA: I have no idea what my daughter does for money and how she makes a living. She moved out of the state when she was 18 and whenever I ask her about her job, she hurriedly changes the subject and never, ever answers the question. She's only 22, and this makes me think the worst has happened to my baby. Is she doing something illegal? She never went to college and she has no skills that I know of, so I'm worried that she might be getting herself into serious trouble. — Concerned Mom in Indianapolis

Dear Concerned Mom: Your daughter changes the subject because she wants to surprise you in June with some very good news. I don't want to give too much away, but this should ease your mind: Think brilliant young doctor and a rock the size of a marble. Have fun at the wedding!

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Dear Serena: Please don't think I'm crazy, but something inside of me is screaming and crying to get out — and I don't know what it is. Sometimes I feel so restless and uncomfortable that I wonder if I can stand it anymore. And I feel so fragmented and torn that I've never been able to get on track and figure out what I want to do with my life. I'm just 21, Serena. But if I can't figure out what's wrong with me soon, I think I'll go insane. — Anxious in Omaha

Dear Anxious: The "something" inside of you is the spirit of your twin brother, who died in childbirth. Meditate on your situation daily and listen carefully to what that little voice in your head is trying to say. By harnessing the power of your twin's life force, you will become most powerful and successful indeed! I see a brilliant future for you as a singer-songwriter — with you doing the singing and your twin's spirit doing the writing!

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Dear Serena: Several years ago I lost touch with a childhood friend and I really would like to find him again. His name is Richard. The last I heard of him he was in Chicago, our hometown. What's happened to him? Can you help me find him? — Anxious in Atlantic City

Dear Anxious: Richard died during open-heart surgery in 2002 but he snapped back to life in a morgue three days later — and he's been preaching the gospel in tent revivals and churches coast to coast ever since. I know that comes as a shock because he used to be a card-carrying atheist. You can get his telephone number by calling directory assistance in Waco, Texas. He'd be tickled pink to hear from you.

SIZZLING Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, who was an early bloomer at Berkeley High School in Berkeley, Calif., was nicknamed the Jolly Blonde Giant by classmates.

PERSONAL TO:

Going Broke in Pembroke Pines: My crystal ball tells me you need to come clean with your husband about your credit cards. Your honesty will save you a world of heartache — and you'll avoid a nasty divorce.

Can't Quit in Sacramento: Yes you can! Stick with it for one more week, and I promise you'll never light up again.

Lost in Houston: Prayer and deep meditation is the key. You are not lost, you are just at a crossroads. You will find your way — I guarantee it.

Tempted in Minneapolis: That is a dangerous path you're getting ready to follow. It not only puts your life in jeopardy, but is also illegal. I urge you to stay in school. Another year of hard work will pay off with a full scholarship to an Ivy League school.

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Will I ever make it as a megastar in Hollywood?

DEAR SERENA: I'm a struggling actress in Hollywood and I've been living hand to mouth for almost a year now. The thing is, I came here to become a big star and I don't want to leave until I make my dreams come true. All I want is one chance to audition in front of a big-name producer or director and show him what I can do. I never took any classes in acting, but it's in my blood — and I know I can be great. Can you look into your crystal ball and tell me if I'll ever get my big break? And if I am destined to get a break, how can I speed things up? — Desperate in Hollywood

Dear Desperate: Your big break has been staring you in the face for six months, dear, but you have yet to open your eyes to see it. The young filmmaker you chit-chat with at the library every day — but aren't taking seriously — is set to become Hollywood's next Steven Spielberg. He'll make you a star if you'll get your head out of the clouds and REALLY TALK to him. By the way — that lottery ticket you bought last week and forgot about is a $475 winner. Check your purse. I know that little jackpot will come in handy!

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Dear Sonya: My boyfriend has been pressuring me to break my pledge to remain a virgin and make love to him before we get married. I've refused so far. At first he was just pushing me to do it, but now he tells me his doctor has just told him that he's got terminal cancer. He says if we don't make love immediately he'll soon be too weak to do it and then he'll die without ever having experienced the ultimate expression of our love — intercourse. Do you think he's putting me on or is he really running out of time? — Feeling Pressured in New Brunswick

Dear Feeling Pressured: The dude is lying through his teeth to you about the cancer and he ought to be ashamed of himself. Here's how my trusty Ouija board puts it: "Man . . . nice . . . guy . . . but . . . hard . . . up . . . he . . . need . . . take . . . matters . . . in . . . own . . . hand . . . till . . . marriage . . . bells . . . ring." I hope I don't have to paint you a clearer picture!

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Dear Serena: I've been married for two years to a wonderful woman and we're very happy together. It's difficult to imagine that we'd ever break up. But getting divorced these days, you never know what might happen. Can you tell me if our marriage will last — or if it's going to shatter in heartbreak? And if it is going down the tubes, when? — Wondering in Taylorsville

Dear Wondering: You can expect to enjoy a lifelong marriage with your wife IF you can overcome the urge to divorce when you hit two rough spots — you catching her doing the snake dance with an old boyfriend next year and also in 2006, when you

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Why does every man I meet turn out to be a freak?

Dear Sonya: Every time I find what I think is a good man he turns out to be a sex fiend or a thief or an alcoholic or a bum. And don't think I attract that kind of guy because I'm some kind of low-life. I'm a devout Christian and CEO of my own interior design firm. Will I ever find Mr. Right? — Lonely Lady in Virginia Beach

Dear Lonely Lady: You won't find Mr. Right, dudette, he'll find you! Expect to meet — hmmmm, his name is either Frederick and Franklin — next week while standing in line at the supermarket. He'll strike up a conversation about that big-bottomed songbird J.Lo, so read up on her this week so you'll have something to say. I see a whirlwind romance and — get this — a wedding in July!

Where is my winning lotto ticket?

Dear Serena: Oh my goodness — please help me! I won the lottery last week with numbers you gave to me — a giant $7 million jackpot! But the ticket disappeared and I can't find it anywhere! Sonya, help! Where's the ticket? — Frantic in Cedar Key

Dear Frantic: When I gave you those winning numbers I warned you about leaving the ticket on the coffee table where the dog could get it. Fortunately, he swallowed it whole. You can extricate it from that pile he deposited beside the oak tree in the northwest corner of your backyard. Wear gloves!

Help me pay my light bill!

Dear Serena: I had some unexpected bills this month and now I can't pay my light bill. Please help me with a magic spell to bring me money. I'm not greedy. And I didn't blow all my dough on booze or living high on the hog. I just had a little run of bad luck, that's all. — Needs Money in Montgomery

Dear Needs Money: You don't have to tell me you're not a spendthrift — my crystal ball sees all and tells all. Please accept the fruits of my Spell of Financial Good Fortune, dear. The $5,000 check you receive in the mail next week will pay your $112 electricity bill with $4,888 left over for other things — like that new room fan and cute sun dress you've had your eye on!

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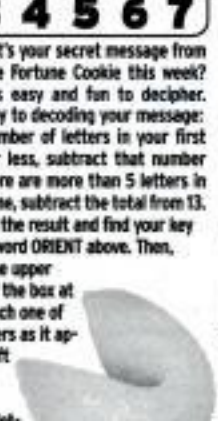

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DEAD OR ALIVE?

These stars schemed their way into our hearts and set us up for laughs, but it looks like some of them have blown town and gone on the lam. Who's living — and who's taking a permanent powder? (Answers below.)

Crime paid off big for the gang of grifters, drifters and thieves who filled the screen in *The Sting* (1973), the rollicking Depression-era tale of con men who pull The Big Con against a cruel-hearted crook in order to avenge one of their pals. The Oscar-winning movie was almost as memorable for its soundtrack, filled with such classic ragtime tunes as "The Entertainer." The movie reunited the dream team of Paul Newman and Robert Redford, whose earlier buddy film, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, is remembered even more fondly than this one. Main photo, from left: Newman (HENRY GONDORFF), Redford (JOHNNY HOOKER) and Robert Shaw (crime boss DOYLE LONNEGAN). Inset photos, from left: Charles Durning (LT. SNYDER) and Ray Walston (J.J. SINGLETON).

Paul Newman is 79, Robert Redford is 66, Robert Shaw died of a heart attack in August 1978, at age 51. Charles Durning is 81. Ray Walston died after a six-year battle with lupus in January 2001, at age 86.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of five guys whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you place the faces and name the names? Answers are below. HINT: Initially, this could be a tough one.

1

He had a commanding presence.

2

He's the Jedis' latest recruit.

3

Need coaching to recall this guy?

4

You may see him soon.

5

This music man was a late-night fixture.

WHO ARE THEY?
1) George C. Scott
2) Samuel L. Jackson
3) Craig T. Nelson
4) C. Thomas Howell
5) G.E. Smith

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED! (From Page 55)

You can play Serena's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 55 and

Card No. 3: Empress
HIDDEN POWERS

Love: Don't underestimate the attraction you hold for members of the opposite sex. You could twist any of them around your little finger without even trying.

Money: You know more than you think about making financial dreams come true. Consider all opinions, but don't just assume they're right and you're wrong.

Health: You'll find your mental abilities are greatly enhanced within the next six weeks, which will be a time of intense clarity and

Card No. 5: 8 of Wands
SUDDEN PROGRESS

Love: Singles, the dry spell in romance is about to end — you may even have too many lovers, if that's possible. Couples, you will soon begin to see eye-to-eye again on important matters.

Money: After a long period of adversity, you're about to get an offer of support from a wealthy investor. Investigate the source of the money before accepting.

Health: Luck has nothing to do with any improvement you're feeling in your medical condition. Hard work and perseverance are the

Card No. 1: 10 of Coins
REACHING MATURITY

Love: Passion is fine in the early stages of romance, but no one can stay that excited without collapsing. It's time you looked for a partner who can offer other values.

Money: There's nothing like seeing your money grow, and you're about to see the payoff of all your discipline and sacrifice. You may even need a financial adviser!

Health: You've reached a point where all of your hard-earned wisdom is obvious in the choices you make. Don't try to "save" anyone from

Card No. 2: 4 of Cups
WEARINESS

Love: Arguments are a natural part of any serious relationship. But if you're fighting all the time, it may be wise to take a break and reconsider your position. Be sure you're thinking clearly.

Money: If you're getting tired of frugality, a splurge may be called for. But set a limit on your reward and stick to it; then get back on the path.

Health: If you're falling asleep at work, you may not need a doctor to tell you what's wrong. First try cutting back on caffeine — or

Card No. 4: The Devil
BONDAGE

Love: If you've decided to end your relationship, make a clean break and leave. Don't let your partner force you into a situation that you know is not good for you.

Money: Think carefully before taking on any new debt that may make things worse. You must be sure it isn't going to last longer than what you're buying.

Health: Breaking the hold of destructive habits isn't good just for your physical health, but also for your self-esteem and peace

WHAT YOU THINK IS TRUE TODAY . . .

20 TOP MEDICAL

By ANNIE VAN HORN
Correspondent

MILLIONS of otherwise sane and sensible Americans believe bizarre medical myths that make them sound stupid when they're chatting with doctors — and can even damage their health.

Here are 20 common medical beliefs, some true and some false, from the American Association of Medical Practitioners, Researchers and Assistants, a Washington-based lobbying group.

Read on to find out how medically ignorant — or how health savvy — YOU are.

1 It takes seven years for chewing gum to pass through your digestive system. FALSE. Gum is indigestible and can stick to the colon — and may take a month or two to pass. But experts agree that seven years is pushing it.

3 Cutting salt intake can help your high blood pressure. *TRUE.* Even a small reduction of sodium chloride — salt — can aid in the treatment of hypertension. It makes the heart's job easier by releasing some of the water that salt makes us retain.

2 CRACKING your knuckles will cause arthritis in later life. FALSE. Cracking your knuckles will make other people cringe, and it will damage tendons and muscles in your fingers, resulting in a weaker grip in later life. But there is no evidence that knuckle-cracking causes joint damage that will lead to arthritis.

4 Staring at the sun can blind you. *TRUE.* You can try it yourself, or you can take the advice of medical experts and always look away from the sun.

5 Going out in frigid weather with wet hair from a shower can give you a cold or the flu. *TRUE.* Cold weather weakens the immune system, and wet hair tricks the body into thinking it's even chillier than it is. This opens the door to attack from bugs and viruses that can make you sick as a dog.

6 You can catch a sexually transmitted disease from a toilet seat. *TRUE.* Be picky about whom you follow into a stall. You can also catch STDs from vinyl car seats if the owner spends a lot of time on Lover's Lane.

7 Feeding kids sugar will make them hyperactive. *TRUE.* And the more sugar you give them, the more hyperactive they'll become. Teach your kids to crave meaty treats like leftover steak and chops. There's no sugar in meat, so they'll be calmer.

8 Drinking warm milk will put you to sleep. FALSE — unless you splash a little scotch in it. Warm milk does contain the soothing amino acid L-tryptophan. But you'll have to drink six to eight GALLONS of sweet whole milk to get enough L-tryptophan to sedate you, especially if you're already up and pacing.

9 Chocolate causes ugly pimples and blackheads. *TRUE.* It also makes you fat.

10 Cats will suck the breath out of babies, killing them in their cribs. *TRUE,* but rare.

11 Most women secretly wish they were men. *TRUE.* Studies show that six in 10 gals wish they were guys, at least for a few days.

12 Diabetes is caused by high consumption of sugar. FALSE. Most doctors now agree that diabetes is a genetic illness in-

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Solution to Bonus Puzzle on Page 51

MAY BE FALSE TOMORROW . . .

MYTHS EXPOSED!

13 **CIGARETTES are bad for you. *TRUE* — and FALSE.** New studies show that even though cigarettes cause cancer and other vicious diseases, they improve critical thinking skills — and are a boon to victims of Parkinson's disease.

herited from your ancestors. But eating sugar does seem to trigger it.

14 **All doctors are qualified to give good medical care and have passed rigorous tests to prove it. FALSE.** About half of all doctors may be qualified to hold your life in their hands. The rest are foreigners who were "educated" in places like New Guinea, Bosnia and Somalia — or they're rich kids who paid somebody off to get certified, a shocking new study confirms.

15 **Fewer than half of all women can experience sexual ecstasy via orgasms. FALSE.** New studies show eight in 10 women regularly experience shrieking, earth-shaking orgasms, especially when going solo.

16 **The size of a man's penis doesn't matter to a woman and has no bearing on her ability to enjoy sex. FALSE.** Are you kidding?

17 **Herbs and natural remedies don't cure cancer. FALSE.** Dozens of herbs and natural remedies cure cancer — and researchers know it. But if they told you the truth, they'd be out of a job.

18 **Half of all Americans are obese. FALSE.** A full two-thirds of Americans are obese. It's just that when pollsters call and ask them, a lot of people lie and say, "I'm average," or "I'm just a couple of pounds overweight," and the pollster has no choice but to believe them.

19 **CAFFEINE is not a drug. FALSE.** Caffeine is the most widely used and abused drug on Earth but, as with hard liquor, politicians are afraid to ban it for fear addicts will vote them out of office.

20 **A woman can't get pregnant when she is having her menstrual period. *TRUE* —** unless she engages in unprotected sex with a man.

Because sperm are tough, they can survive in a woman's body for up to five days in their frantic hunt for an egg. Even if she's shedding a prime egg via the miracle of ovulation, determined and savvy sperm can wait the situation out, find the next egg up — and make a cute little baby. And all it takes is one of the little troublemakers!

MEDICAL ADVISORY: Medical theories change rapidly and what's thought to be true today might very well be proven false tomorrow. You are strongly advised to consult a healthcare professional you know and trust before changing your diet, lifestyle or health habits in any way.

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WOMEN

NY. 202-685 S/F seeks new start to mend shattered life with kind, non-violent, generous, non-judgmental man. Age/looks unimportant, honesty is. LTR wanted. Uninhibited or submissive OK.

ME. 202-686 65, blonde/green. Seeking soft-shoulder teddy, age ?, habit/disease-free, a must. Must love pets. Photo/letter. Lonely, not desperate. Lets talk.

PHILIPPINES 202-687 Courthouse secretary, devoted Catholic wishing there's everlasting love and faithful marriage. Seeking a religious White male for a lifetime partner, 40-75. Please let us join the sacrament of marriage. God speed.

SC. 202-688 Retired nurse, 66 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, petite, very loving and caring. Wishes to meet an honest White male who would like to relocate to the south. Age open. Please reply with photo and phone.

AZ. 202-689 Attractive, 63, 6', White, working female, home owner, ready to test waters again. ISO honest, caring, financially secure, non-smoker, one-woman man. Sincere only.

PHILIPPINES 202-690 Young girl, 20, extremely beautiful, wishing to settle down for everlasting love, faithful marriage. Devoted Catholic looking for a religious White male, loving husband. Please let us be together for a lifetime.

KY. 202-691 SWF, 41, seeking SWM, Mr. Brady type, entrepreneur, traveling partner. Into auctions for income, internet, detective, mechanic, survivalist, privacy seeker, winabe-gear, farming or trucking.

NY. 202-692 Black Caribbean Vincentia woman, 130 lbs., 5'4", 35, no children, never married, seeking gentleman, non-smoker/ drinker, in military for friendship first, serious later. Race unimportant. New York area a plus.

CA. 202-693 Seeking larger man, 6' or taller, 230 lbs. or more, between 45-60, drug-free, non-smoking, sincere, honest, loving man only. Phone/ photo.

FL. 202-694 Loving, caring, affectionate, nice-looking, widow, 65 (looks like 50s), petite, non-smoker. Seeking marriage-minded gentleman who likes to be pampered. Could relocate anytime.

JAPAN 202-695 Japanese, good-natured, chubby, live in Japan. Enjoy movies, cooking, gardening. Seeking a good, healthy mind/body gentleman, over 50, for romance, marriage. Photo please.

WA. 202-696 WF, 70s, non-smoker/ drinker, 5'2", 136 lbs., home owner, trailer, income, fair looks/build, healthy, honest, loving. Enjoy movies, dining out, camping, companionship. WM, 5'6"-10", same traits. Photo/letter.

AL. 202-697 SWF, 44, size 12/14, average looks. ISO nice-looking SWM, non-smoker/ drug-user please, neat, clean, with good sense of humor, variety of interests. Does not need to be rich but must be employed. Photo appreciated.

CA. 202-698 White, very attractive lady, 5'8", 128 lbs., well-educated, non-smoker/drinker, relocatable. Enjoys music, books, home life. Seeking White, marriage-minded gentleman, 65-75. Photo.

GA. 202-699 Filipina, 5'2", 130 lbs., 58, loving, caring, honest, faithful, devoted Christian. Like cooking, walking, music. Seeking financially stable man, no vices, same interests, marriage-minded. Photo please.

FL. 202-700 Nice, educated, Filipina, 62, kind, loving, honest, sincere. Likes church, music, and nature. ISO honest, sincere gentleman for friendship or more. No drug users. Photo.

MEN

TN. 401-414 Very kind White male, 49, 6'2", 195 lbs., non-smoker/drinker. Seeking nice, sincere lady for pen pal or possible relationship. Recent photo.

SC. 401-415 Beach resort lifestyle! Tan, slender, SBM, 44, seeks marriage-minded, relo-

NV. 401-416 Handsome, American Christian, non-smoker/drugs, self employed, 35, 5'6", romance, dancing, horseback riding. Seeks pretty, petite, blue-eyed blonde, 25-35. Relocatable. Objective: marriage.

TN. 401-417 SWM, 47, 6', 195 lbs., clean, honest, humorous, easygoing, non-abusive, hard working. Interests: Commitment, home life, travel, site seeing. Relocatable. CDL a plus.

IL. 401-418 White male, 46, relocatable. Seeking brown or dark-haired lady, 21-70, unable to have children, childless, who wants love, sex nightly. Any looks/weight. Midwest. Photo/ phone.

NJ. 401-419 Single male, 50, looks younger, slim, balding. Seeking female, 35-55, USA areas to share home, rent-free relationship. No children.

PA. 401-420 Promise keeper, 5'11", 185 lbs., brown/blue, non-smoker/ drinker, drug-free, honest, lots of TLC. Seeking healthy, slender, nice-looking Christian lady, 50-63 with variety of interests. Photo.

TX. 401-421 Wasted days, lonely nights, SWM, 50, will kiss away those tears of pain and give unconditional, everlasting love again. Looks/age unimportant. Need marriage-minded angel.

MI. 401-422 American Muslim man, 5'9", 55, 190 lbs. Seeking honest, young woman for marriage, seeking the religion of Islam. Any race. Phone/ photo appreciated.

MI. 401-423 Younger seeks older. Financially stable, very handsome, tall, trim, 37, SWM, professionally employed. Seeking open, sexy, outgoing, fun, older WF for romance, dating, some travel.

NV. 401-424 6', relocatable, Christian bachelor, 43, attractive, nice build, kind, sincere, faithful, college graduate, author seeks slim, compatible woman for marriage. Age/looks unimportant. All answered.

NJ. 401-425 Central. Seeking sincere, loving, nice, earthy female, soul mate, race/age open, for dating, relationship, romance, love, happiness. Attractive, tall, stable, muscular, easygoing, open-minded SWM, 57.

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May 17 - May 23

YOUR WEEKLY

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

All signs indicate that your luck is about to improve dramatically this week.

Don't be afraid to take chances to get ahead now. But be prepared for some legal and personal roadblocks on your road to happiness. Simmering family disputes could quickly reach the boiling point at this time. So take care with that Crock-Pot and pay careful attention to a relative's complaints.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Be cautious. Remember that you gave someone the gold mine and they gave you the shaft.

Seek advice from unorthodox sources or you'll miss the boat. Your sense of loyalty could be tested in the near future when someone you trust tries to take advantage of your generosity.

Speak loudly and carry a stun gun if you have to.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

All signs indicate that this is the time to tackle an important project.

Allow close relationships a good deal of room in the week ahead and keep the door open for exciting opportunities in the bedroom or at work.

These exciting possibilities should make positive changes in your ho-hum life.

Wear red on Tuesday!

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart on the opposite page. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

The days ahead should be a great deal more harmonious if you put a cap on your tendency to be both restless and irrational.

Life should be happier and more creative this week if you are in control. Devote more energy toward making your home a serene place where you can do exactly what you want with no interference from nosy neighbors.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You really do need a quiet retreat. Try to make relationships softer and lighter this week.

A revealing flash of insight promises to give birth to a dismaying sense of reality. Wake up and smell the Prozac if you have to.

When your boss tells you to finish that project this week, he means it. But remember, he doesn't always know best.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

An older relative wants to give you job advice. Although well-intentioned, it's off the mark as usual.

No one sells vacuums door-to-door anymore.

Romance will bloom unexpectedly. Your love life will have a surprising twist.

Keep an open mind and buy some "toys." It is only right to be demanding of others — might makes right.

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LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Perhaps a little patience in dealing with people and their petty problems is best this week.

An extraordinary string of new experiences may be waiting for you in a parking garage. Let your hair down a bit but don't forget your dandruff.

Someone younger than you may offer advice that will change your life — perhaps not as you intended.

PLUS! *Find your fate for the coming month on the next six pages!*

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

All your hard work could begin to pay off this week, so let 'er rip!

Keep your nose to yourself because someone is watching you.

Begin planning for a big trip now and make sure you have all your shots. You're going to need them.

A dream with sunshine, lawn jockeys and your fourth-grade teacher may have special significance.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Use your skills with diplomacy.

Don't travel on Thursday if you can avoid it.

Be active this week. Get out and enjoy some vigorous exercise. If the weather's too bad to enjoy the outdoors, go to a local gym for a workout.

You may encounter some problems with a pesky locker room attendant, but they won't last long.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Unleash your tongue this week.

Your boss could drive you nuts with senseless demands and nonsense and you don't have to take it. Talking back will empower you.

Watch for flamingos, whether the real bird or just a garden ornament.

An attractive member of the opposite sex secretly has eyes for you — too bad they're married.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A gamble could pay big rewards.

Don't be afraid to bet the mortgage. Make unrealistic plans this week. Anything you set out to do should come out well.

A friend wants to have a heart-to-heart talk with you, but feels too shy to ask for help. When they do, tell them what you really think. Working hard could lead to skin problems.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Be sure to watch your diet and cut down on the booze. Learn to take it easy.

A chance encounter could lead to good fortune for you this week, so keep your wallet open.

A period of achievement and vague anxiety lies ahead. The next few days could bring some social strain, but you

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	2, 6, 27, 30, 34, 35
TAURUS	1, 9, 13, 31, 40, 42
GEMINI	1, 8, 12, 19, 34, 45
CANCER	5, 11, 15, 26, 29, 32
LEO	8, 10, 11, 13, 20, 23
VIRGO	2, 8, 14, 21, 26, 28
LIBRA	3, 4, 21, 27, 37, 41
SCORPIO	11, 13, 21, 28, 34, 47
SAGITTARIUS	2, 12, 16, 17, 34, 39
CAPRICORN	13, 22, 23, 31, 35, 41
AQUARIUS	9, 18, 30, 33, 40, 49
PISCES	5, 6, 7, 17, 26, 33

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK . . .

The year ahead looks bright as new friends improve your outlook and financial woes vanish.

Blessed with good or improving health, you'll have the energy and stamina to rise up and meet any challenge that comes your way.

SERENA SABAK'S STAR CHART

FIND OUT WHAT THE ZODIAC HAS IN STORE FOR YOU!

JUNE is busting out all over . . . and so is your brand-new horoscope!

As you wave goodbye to spring, this stunning chart will predict the new and exciting events that will unfold in your life between now and June 15.

Ever since star charts were first written, astrologers have regarded the four weeks from mid-May to mid-June among the most important in the zodiac calendar, since this vital time lays the foundations of the dramatic happenings that will occur throughout the coming year.

With this in mind, *WWN*'s team of top astrologers compiled these charts with special care, especially in the vital areas of SEX, MONEY and HEALTH.

The team's consultant, our own Sonya Sabak, says: "I've always considered the horoscope on the following pages to be of supreme importance, a time of building for the future.

"Not only does your chart indicate what the stars have in store for you over the next four weeks, it also influences what will happen to you and your loved ones during the coming year.

"I guarantee that you will be delighted by the depth and accuracy of your zodiac chart as the exciting and dramatic events drawn to your attention unfold.

"Read your own chart and those of your family and friends, and be amazed at what the coming weeks and months have waiting for them — and you."

As an added bonus, on Page 68 we tell you how to make MONEY beat a path to your door.

This could be your passport to a fortune!

ARIES

March 21 – April 19

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

ARE YOU bored with your sex life, Ram child? Although an invitation to join a swinging singles club that arrives around the time of the new moon on May 17 sounds like fun, your stars say you'll regret it if you join. Take the advice of a woman with a hairy chin who lives in your neighborhood instead, and you can spice up your love life without drastic — and dangerous — activities.

Single Rams meet someone with a lot of sex appeal and even more cash while browsing in a gourmet grocery store produce section on June 4.

You overhear some interesting gossip at a friend's wedding after June 14.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

AN unattractively skinny woman with the gift of gab talks your ear off on May 19, and you could be tempted to tune out her prattling. But she has something extremely important to say that could help you secure your financial future forever, so be sure to listen well.

Beware of insurance scammers on June 2, when you're vulnerable to deceit.

A job offer springs from a good deed you do on June 8, and for some Rams this leads to a large increase in your salary.

Avoid betting on sports or races June 11, when Lady Luck could play a naughty trick!

VIM AND VIGOR

DREAMING of your incredible water-skiing prowess during an afternoon nap late in May will not translate into skill on the skis in real life — and you risk injury if you actually attempt the crazy stunts you dreamed up. Stick to safer sports like swimming and tennis.

Some Rams need a boost of protein on May 29 — try hard-boiled eggs or lean meats such as turkey breast.

Although advice about improving your appearance on June 9 could hurt your feelings, it's well worth taking.

If you've been thinking about jogging on a regular basis, go for it, but take it easy at first.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

ROMANCE is well-starred on May 17, a day when Bulls enjoy a lover's sexy surprise.

Single? The one who performs the Heimlich maneuver on you during a Memorial Day barbecue could be your soulmate — if you can get past the embarrassment of choking on a pickle.

A friend could ask for advice on June 7, but telling her how to get the perfect revenge on a straying lover could lead to her spending time in the hoosegow.

What seems to be a revelation about your significant other June 13 is just lunar madness, and wise Bulls avoid acting — or overreacting.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

BE SURE to check your credit card statements carefully on May 18, because if you haven't traveled to Bolivia or Bosnia, you've been scammed and must take steps to have the charges reversed.

Trust your intuition when faced with a financial decision May 30 and you can't lose. In fact, you could make out like a bandit!

Paying attention to your budget on June 4 will lead to the elimination of a completely unnecessary expense that's been draining your resources.

Some Bulls hit the jackpot June 8 playing numbers you see scratched into the wood of a restaurant table.

Beware of a smooth-talking acquaintance who'll try to involve you in a pyramid scheme.

VIM AND VIGOR

HAS YOUR fear of appearing in public in a swimsuit inspired thoughts of rapid weight loss? The question arises — should you exercise madly or just starve yourself down a size or two? Here's a hint: Get your butt moving and exercise daily. Plus, cut your calories, but in moderation.

Advice from an old man who speaks with a lisp leads to the resolution of a long-standing symptom after June 8.

Consult your doctor about any changes you might see in a mole on your arm.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

TWINS are suspicious of a lover's motivations on May 18, but his or her odd behavior is explained after May 23, and could lead to an exciting journey.

Single and searching Twins find passion on a blind date with someone who has a talent for karaoke.

Married Twins could argue over chores during moody Mercury's visit June 5 — although dumping a plate of spaghetti on your mate's head is tempting at the time, this will only make matters worse. You'll only end up arguing even more about who has to clean up the mess!

A mini-vacation could help energize your closest relationship June 14.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

SQUEEZE your nickels till the buffalo moans in pain during the last two weeks of May, and after the planetary trine May 29 your cash flow increases from a trickle to a gusher. For some Twins this is linked to a job you learn about while listening to a shock jock on your local radio show.

YARD-SALE BARGAIN IS A VALUABLE FIND!

An inheritance June 2 further pads your accounts, but try to avoid gambling June 4, when you could lose a large amount of cash.

A yard-sale bargain you buy from an old man on June 9 turns out to be worth much more than you pay. Buy a lottery ticket with dimes June 15.

VIM AND VIGOR

THE SUN'S visit to your sign May 20 brings a tremendous boost to your energy level. Friends and family will accuse you of running around town like a crazed squirrel. But don't give in to the temptation to skimp on sleep, especially after May 31, when you could be exposed to a nasty viral illness.

A spur-of-the-moment hairstyle change June 8 proves flattering and leads to lots of ego-boosting compliments.

You may find yourself extra busy in early June, but don't forget to keep taking your vitamins on a consistent basis or you could be inviting trouble in the form of a summer cold.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

LISTEN well, Crab child: You're not always right and you don't have to win every argument. Let your significant other's opinion count during a disagreement on May 24 or your relationship could be in big trouble.

DELIVERY MAN BRINGS A GENEROUS GIFT!

Car problems could lead you to someone sexy May 30.

Solar flares lead to hot tempers June 1, a day to mellow out. Stuff a sock in it instead of socking someone else, or legal difficulties will arise. June 8 brings romance to singles when a deliveryman arrives at your home with a generous gift from a suitor you thought long gone.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

BEWARE of the promises of a salesman who telephones during dinner on May 19, Cancer child, for he's long on lies and short on follow-through. And if he asks for a credit card or bank account number, take the hint: He's a scam artist!

Some Crabs get a big fat pay raise on May 28, but don't spend it all in one place, because you could face an unexpected expense linked to an incident that takes place at a party June 4.

Insurance advice you get from a man wearing a cap with a built-in fan June 12 borders on the fraudulent and is best avoided.

A friend will ask for a cash loan on June 6. Turn him down or be sorry down the road.

VIM AND VIGOR

WATCH what you eat on May 19, when you could get food poisoning at a restaurant that smells strongly of garlic and onions.

Joining a gym after May 29 is a good decision and leads to a fitter and stronger body, but your first few sessions could leave you bedridden — so take it slowly!

Fun in the sun could lead to a bad burn June 8, a day to wear plenty of sunscreen.

A friend will suggest you take up bicycling. Do it — but not until after June 1 if you want to

LEO

July 23 – August 22

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

PEOPLE who live in glass houses should NOT walk around naked, and this means you, Lion child. Take the time to draw your curtains or your neighbors will soon know more than they should about your love life.

Singles could despair of ever finding love after yet another relationship falls apart late in May, but happily the moon in your sign on June 4 guarantees new romance is headed your way — on a bicycle or motorcycle that crosses your path within the week.

Avoid the temptation to speak sharply after screeching your brakes, because you could be yelling at your soul mate!

BAG$ O' BUCK$

LOTTERY numbers based on the dates you consider most meaningful to your life are surefire winners May 17 — unless they contain dates linked to the end of relationships or days you lost a job, for those are unlucky.

FLIER IN THE GUTTER YIELDS AN EXCELLENT BARGAIN

Although your cash flow is healthy late in May, Pluto retrograde early in June could pull the plug on a regular source of income. But don't you fret, little Lion, for a much better job is heading your way. For some Lions, it's linked to an incident involving a wasp and a crying child.

A sale flier you spot in a gutter June 11 steers you to an excellent bargain.

VIM AND VIGOR

LIONS could be plagued by upper respiratory discomfort late in May — could all the incense you're burning be the cause? Air out your home or office and you'll soon see a difference.

Boredom on the job could send you to the snack machines on May 29, but remember your new swimsuit and you'll find the strength to resist.

A high-protein diet boosts your energy after June 4.

In late May or early June you'll notice some hair loss, but don't worry, Lion child, it won't be as bad as you might fear.

Early June is the right time to take some tennis lessons.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

WHEN caught in what seems like a compromising act at work May 19 both you and your co-worker know you were just fixing a stuck zipper, but office tongues will be wagging and the rumor-mill will fire up. Relax and avoid the temptation to protest, and this unfortunate little incident will soon blow over.

A STUCK ZIPPER FIRES UP THE RUMOR MILL

Single? When you meet someone with an unusual birthmark May 31 you could be in the presence of your soul mate.

Attending a wedding June 8 proves very interesting when a brawl breaks out during the cake-cutting.

The advice of a wizened old woman has a surprisingly positive effect on your love life June 13.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

YOUR FINANCIAL affairs could be topsy turvy on May 18 — and unfortunately your stars suggest more turve than top!

Although Virgos are the penny-pinchers of the zodiac, even your frugality skills could be outpaced now. Could this be the week to negotiate a loan? Destiny says yes.

Your boss's demands are great on May 30, but cooperation will be rewarded with a pay raise. Some Virgos could even get promoted right over the head of their immediate superior.

Cash flow is still slow early in June, but an incident involving an unappetizing addition to a restaurant salad leads to a windfall after June 9.

VIM AND VIGOR

PLANETARY action makes your efforts to improve your appearance go awry late in May — be careful or your new hair color could be green and your stylish hairdo a horrid hatchet job. Wait until after June 1 before trying anything permanent.

Virgos are highly energetic on June 4, a good day to try the exciting recreational activity suggested by a co-worker. But be sure to avoid heights and water May 19 and June 7, two days when danger lurks.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

A FRIEND'S suggestion of a novel way to use a stick of butter — the kind you usually spread on bread — can put some sizzle in your sex life late in May.

Ladies, are you lonely and lovelorn? A handsome hunk with a reputation as a real Romeo, whom you meet May 31, only has eyes for you — or so he says. If he's a blond, be wary. But if dark curls grace his handsome face, go for it, girl!

A friend's request on June 5 could put a crimp in your plans, but cooperating will gain you lifelong loyalty — as well as an unexpected erotic encounter.

Marrieds could add to the clan after June 12.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

NEWS that the man you angrily asked to "shut the hell up" during company jollities party at an afterhours birthday bash is now your new boss could come as a shock. Can you restore your stellar reputation as a hard worker and get past this *faux pas*? Your stars say it's likely, and it'll probably happen by the end of May.

Bargain hunting Librans spot a deal that seems too good to be true, but isn't, at an estate sale June 2.

Lottery luck upgrades your lifestyle on June 8.

Although a friend's plea for you to join her in her new enterprise on June 13 tempts you, say no or you'll soon become enemies.

VIM AND VIGOR

HAVE A SERIES of nerve-racking recent events in your personal life left you so stressed out that you're stuttering, Libran? Lunar influence indicates that the worst is behind you.

Try the three M's to shed stress like a snake sheds its skin — Massage, Meditation and Moonbathing — and you'll soon feel as loose as a goose.

A weight-loss diet you hear about from a neighbor June 7 can help you lose pounds painlessly.

Female Librans should be careful to find the right doctor for a boob job. Have the procedure done before June for the best results.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

HAS LOVE set your heart aflutter on May 19, or are those palpitations you're feeling caused by too much caffeine and the adrenaline of the chase? Unfortunately, your stars indicate this lover's NOT your soul mate. But lest you despair, destiny indicates true love waits behind a red door numbered 69 — you'll meet May 30.

Attached Scorpions find your partner annoying June 1, but lunar influence on June 3 leads to a happier home life.

A dalliance with a coworker June 9 could lead to an embarrassing news story — don't do it, because you're sure to get caught.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

A JOB YOU get on May 18 seems just about perfect — until you actually start, at which time you soon realize you'll lose your mind if you continue to work at the company in question. Don't panic, Scorpion — a job with the pizzazz and glamour you crave is heading your way. You'll learn about it after an incident involving your car and a grocery cart — unfortunately one being pushed by a little old lady at the time — on May 30.

All's well that ends well, and your cash flow improves after June 7. But Uranus retrograde June 13 could cause mix-ups — it's NOT a good day to make anything other than very tentative plans.

VIM AND VIGOR

NUDE sunbathing on or about May 21 can lead to an attractive tan — or a painful burn of those parts rarely exposed to light. If you must strip off and sun like a lizard then, set a timer so you don't drift off to sleep.

Some seemingly innocuous yard work could be dangerous June 3, when a cactus, rose thorn or pruning saw poses a sharp hazard.

Health woes plague you on or about June 7, but a doctor's diagnosis soon sets your mind — and stomach — at ease.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

WHEN someone sexy you've been dating for only a short time suggests you get a tattoo on May 17, be warned: You'll live to regret it. Unless you're sure all your lovers will have the same name, say no.

Marrieds could offer a home to a needy relative May 27. But lay down some ground rules, because he's a slob and your home could quickly turn into a pigpen.

Single? Love lurks in an airport lounge on June 7.

Some singles must choose between two lovers June 11. Should you stay with Sexy But Dumb As A Doorknob, or move on to Mr. or Ms. Plain But Intelligent? Your stars say to take neither — new love's headed your way.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

ALTHOUGH you could be worrying about having more month than money after May 17, an incident involving an improperly installed light switch and a wet finger on May 24 solves the problem in a hurry.

DANGEROUS LIGHT SWITCH COULD BE LUCRATIVE

A conversation that you overhear in a pizza parlor June 2 leads to an unusual job, but you may need to exaggerate your skills a bit to land it.

Lottery luck peaks June 4, a good day to buy tickets.

Some lucky Archers inherit a large sum of money June 9, but may need to share to head off an unfortunate scene at the deceased's memorial service.

VIM AND VIGOR

ANNOYING health problems that you have been suffering intermittently can be completely cured with a home remedy you learn about on May 27 from a one-eyed midget you meet in a health food store.

A driving incident involving your right eye and a rabid weasel could send you rushing to the emergency room during the planetary opposition June 1, a good day to keep all of the windows rolled up.

Seek a second opinion regarding a dental procedure someone recommends on June 9.

The ghost of your great-grandfather reveals an astoundingly simple cure for hiccups on June 12.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

CONFUSION reigns in your love life until after the new moon in Capricorn May 17, when your significant other's recent puzzling behavior is finally explained. Here's a hint: It involves an avocado and a toothbrush.

New love waits for single Goats near a rain puddle May 29 — you'll meet when a passing car soaks you both. A friend who's annoyingly perky wants your opinion of her new boyfriend June 4, but offer up your thoughts at your own risk — just because you think he's a jerk doesn't mean she does.

Wedding bells could ring for some Goats during a solar flare June 14.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

SOMETHING quite valuable that you seem to have lost several months ago turns up unexpectedly during a thorough housecleaning on May 20, leading you to suspect it was stolen and then returned.

Before you go pointing your finger at the supposed thief, consider the possibility that you simply have a tendency to misplace things.

A loan is repaid on May 28, providing the cash to book a summer vacation.

Job-seeking Goats find work thanks to the guilty conscience of a boss who had previously fired you under false pretenses.

Be careful to avoid taking on debt June 8, or you could pay too much in interest.

VIM AND VIGOR

A STRESSFUL situation in your neighborhood leads to many sleepless nights for some unlucky Goats late in May, but don't sweat it — chamomile tea before bed will soon have you snoozing like a baby.

LISTEN TO A LARGE LADY WEARING STRIPES

The health advice of a large woman wearing wide stripes on or about May 31 proves very helpful.

An incident involving your nose and a snorkel could send you to the doctor June 8. You're better off staying on dry land and square dancing with your poodle — a great way to get some exercise.

AQUARIUS

January 20 – February 18

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

NEW LOVE isn't all that it seems late in May. Either he's a she, she's a he, or he or she is already married and just looking for a fling. Although this stranger is appealing, smart Aquarians walk the other way.

Patience in love matters pays off, when destiny delivers love to your door bearing chilled champagne on May 29.

LOVE COMES TO YOUR DOOR — CARRYING CHAMPAGNE

Married Aquarians may quibble over cash demands June 1, but the advice of a neighbor who collects *Gilligan's Island* memorabilia can help you resolve all your problems.

A shocking secret is revealed at a family reunion on or about June 9 — by a ventriloquist's dummy.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

A PLANETARY sextile May 19 attracts cash winnings to Aquarians, making it the best day of the month to enter a contest or buy lottery tickets.

Avoid letting your suspicions about a new coworker get out of hand on May 27 — he or she isn't a criminal as you suspect, just a very shy person who could use your friendship.

A flea market bargain you spot on May 31 could be property stolen from an impoverished family. Buy it if you must, but you'll have to live with yourself.

Remember the old adage, "Revenge is a dish best served cold," when tempted to get even with someone for poor financial advice June 9. Bide your time before acting.

VIM AND VIGOR

A PLANETARY sextile on May 26 opens the door for cosmic action guaranteed to help you improve your health and well being — but getting smashed at a Memorial Day barbecue promises to undo all those positive changes in a hurry.

Cosmetic surgery suggested by an old friend on June 4 could be just what you need to boost your self-esteem. But the drastically short haircut a stylist wants to try June 13 won't flatter!

Eating plenty of fiber in late May will help get you regular again in a jiffy. Just be sure to have a good pair of running shoes and a clear path to the bathroom.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE

SIZZLING SEX

ALTHOUGH you think your lover's romantic plan is silly on May 17, go along with the program or you could deeply hurt him or her. After all, what harm can come from finger paint and plastic?

Men, are you married and miserable late in May? Your stars say surprising your wife with a romantic getaway will work wonders for your relationship.

Single Fish find love with someone who juggles and rides a unicycle. You'll meet at a festival June 1.

Trying to patch up a friend's argument with his or her mate June 9 could lead to a black eye — yours!

BAG$ O' BUCK$

FINANCIAL news that you've been patiently waiting for arrives May 20, and although it isn't what you were expecting, you'll soon realize that it's even better. For some fish, this leads to a move.

GRAB A FANTASTIC VACATION DEAL ON JUNE 14

A banker's promise on May 28 holds about as much water as a leaky bucket. Don't bet the farm on his or her words. The third-quarter moon in Pisces June 9 could lead to a tidy little windfall for Fish, but a crooked coworker could try to cheat you, so watch out. Something forgotten leads to cash gain on June 11.

Book a vacation June 14 to get the best deal of the year.

VIM AND VIGOR

FISH are incredibly energetic on May 16, so much so that you'll find yourself determined to undertake a strenuous exercise routine. But be careful not to go nuts — overdoing it could land you in a world of pain. Moderate activity is the key to a healthy regimen you can easily stick to.

Clothes shopping June 2 with a new coworker can help you swap frumpy for fabulous, but ladies, avoid wearing skirts you can't bend over in.

Avoid heavily spiced foods on or about June 14, when you're prone to annoying digestive problems.

HOW TO MAKE

DOLLARS FROM HEAVEN
Stop spending all your time chasing money when you

MONEY makes the world go round, and you can always use more, right?

Sure, it doesn't buy happiness — but the stuff you can do with a fistful of greenbacks can bring a lot of fun into your life. And without money on hand, misery's lurking right around the corner, waiting to pounce.

Unfortunately, simply wanting more moolah doesn't guarantee you'll get it — you need to take steps to attract cash.

It's easy, if you understand the principles of prosperity. Money is energy, and if you make a space in your home for that energy to enter, money will be knocking on your door in the blink of an eye.

Like attracts like. By making your home feel more prosperous, you're making cash more likely to enter.

First, you must invite money in by clearing some space for the new. Start by throwing out, or selling at a yard sale, as much of your old junk as you can bear to part with.

Clear out your clutter, and the empty space will be there waiting for something exciting — something you purchase with money — to fill it.

Yes, this is an act of faith, and your mind may start to play tricks on you while you're de-junking. You may wish to cling to your old possessions as if you're clinging to your past.

Fears of never being able to replace what you're dumping can make you mighty nervous, but now more than ever is the time to trust in the universe to deliver what you need.

Just remember: If in doubt, throw it out! Even that hideous ceramic sculpture Aunt Mabel gave you for your birthday — everything goes.

Second, scent your home with fragrance that symbolizes wealth — sweet orange and lemon are more likely to attract cash than sweaty socks, cat litter and other disagreeable odors.

Next, place some silver, gold and copper around your home. It needn't be real — an inexpensive can of spray paint will transform just about anything in your home, even the kitchen wastebasket.

Then, add some luxurious fabrics — silk, satin or even a painting on black velvet, and the transformation of your home from poverty-stricken to prosperous will almost be complete.

Finally, use the feng shui trick of attracting abundance by placing champagne and caviar in your fridge, even if you prefer beer and pretzels to bubbly and fish eggs. You don't have to eat it — it just needs to be there.

Now that your home is clutter-free, smells good and looks good, hang a picture of what you hope to do with your newfound wealth in a silver or gold frame just inside your front door.

Whether you're hoping for a bass boat, a boob enlargement or a Porsche Boxter, put up a photo of your dream.

Tape the largest bill you can afford to the back of the picture, and the bill will work its powerful magnetism, drawing cash to your door.

If you're in a big hurry, and truly need cash NOW, do this: Take a large chunk of your savings and blow it on a luxury, either for yourself or to give as a gift.

Sure, this takes guts, but if you buy something fabulous, use it and enjoy it without guilt, the universal laws of prosperity will return your expenditure threefold within a week.

If you absolutely, positively believe, this is guaranteed to work wonders for your bank account.

But here's a warning: Greed is the enemy of greenbacks. Trying to get more than your share, or wanting cash just so you can hoard it like a penny-pinching miser, is a sure way to ensure money turns and runs the other way.

Always remember: Generosity attracts, and stinginess repels. Have a kind and generous heart, and you'll have plenty of cash to spend and some to spare, too.

AGREEABLE ODORS
Scent your home with fragrance

MONEY COME TO YOU!

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Weekly World News

CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER
Getting rid of unnecessary items in your home will allow the newfound empty space to invite in new and luxurious stuff!

BREAK OUT THE BUBBLY
Be sure to put champagne and caviar in your fridge. This is a feng shui trick for attracting abundance.

NEWS 'TOONS

"Thank you for the check, sir. However, I'll need to see I.D."

Lord of the nipple rings

"My husband's spent the

HELL ON THE SCREAMING

ON AN UNCHARTED ISLAND in the Philippine Sea, there lies an estimated $200 million in treasure buried by English pirates in 1687. But be warned: Scores of men have searched for the hoard of gold — only to leave their bones on the beach. Experts believe the deaths were caused by poisonous gases seeping out of the island's volcano. But Scottish treasure hunter Lance MacArthur, who tried to find the hidden trove, insists the Curse of the Screaming Virgins killed the victims — including his seven companions. Here is his chilling account:

I RAN like a frightened child through the dense jungle, dodging deadly gas clouds and slashing frantically at vines that hemmed me in on all sides.

The 13 evil harpies were right on my heels, greedily extending their talons. Some slithered on their bellies like snakes, others scuttled through the treetops — all with seaweed-like hair, mottled gray skin and soulless eyes burning with hatred.

Worst of all was their mind-shattering, high-pitched screech, like ravenous birds of prey.

I soon found myself surrounded by the zombie-like she-devils.

The Screaming Virgins who had butchered my seven comrades now grinned in triumph as they lurched forward to rip me limb from limb.

"No, please!" I whimpered.

Just six hours before, my companions and I had been ecstatic as we dropped anchor. If the treasure map was legit, we'd soon be multimillionaires.

Of course, we knew about the curse: The ghosts of the 13 Screaming Virgins who supposedly guarded the island.

Legend has it the young beauties were raped and murdered to keep the pirate treasure secret!

Legend has it the beauties had been en route to wed the king of Siam when their vessel was waylaid. They were raped, then murdered to keep the location of the pirates' gold secret.

But our leader Doc assured us the ghost story was poppycock.

"Gases can cause hallucinations," the Englishman said. "We'll put on gas masks if we run into trouble."

Our team included Tank, a former Navy SEAL who brought along his M-16; the Frenchman Lafitte, deadly with a throwing knife; Li, a martial-arts master; Harrington, a good-natured Australian with an uncanny sense of direction; Pontillo, the explosives expert; and myself.

Leaving our Filipino cabin boy to mind the ship, we climbed into a dinghy and rowed to shore.

The island lived up to its reputation. Ominous clouds rolled by and birds circling overhead squawked in warning.

"This place cursed," Li muttered.

We'd hacked our way through the jungle for an hour when Pontillo started pointing.

"That beautiful girl — and what breasts!" he exclaimed. He darted into the bushes.

"Stop, you fool!" Doc cried.

We chased Pontillo and caught up with him minutes later — just in time to see his hair vanishing into quicksand.

"Damn, his pack had the gas masks," Tank said.

I caught a glimpse of a pale, smiling face retreating into the bushes.

As we trekked on, a boulder came rolling down an embankment and flattened poor Li like an ant. This time, I swore I heard girlish titters.

Finally we reached a festering swamp at the foot of a skull-shaped hill.

Doc proclaimed, "Over that hill is a fortune that will make us rich beyond our —"

He was interrupted by banshee-like screams. And out of the fog, those sirens from Hell emerged, some fondling their rotting breasts.

"Steady, men. These creatures are a figment of our imagination," Doc said.

"Are you sure?" I asked.

Doc turned his back on the she-

THE ISLAND holds treasure — and evil — beyond imagining, says one of the few men to make it back alive.

ISLAND OF THE VIRGINS!

By LANCE MacARTHUR

these ladies are hallucinations as I am that the queen is British."

One of the ghost girls yanked back Doc's head and drew a long, yellow fingernail across his throat. Blood sprayed everywhere.

"I stand corrected," Doc gasped.

We all bolted.

As Lafitte ran, he whirled and hurled a knife at the Screaming Virgin at the head of the pack. It penetrated her skull four inches. She blithely pulled it out and licked the blood, leering.

"Great. Now you've pissed her off," Harrington remarked.

When the monstrous maidens caught up with Tank, he opened fire with his M-16.

"Eat this," he roared.

Unfazed, the creatures pounced on him like ravenous wolves. He screamed in agony as kidneys, entrails and bloody flesh flew into the air. Tank had saved a bullet for himself.

One of the ghouls leapt from the trees onto Lafitte's back. She gripped his head with her thighs and gouged his eyes out with her monstrous claws. Stumbling blindly, the Frenchmen tumbled into a ravine and broke his neck.

Harrington and I dashed on.

"Which way?" I demanded.

The Australian smiled and headed into a cloud bank.

"Stick with me, mate," he yelled — then smacked right into a tree.

A sharp limb jutted from Harrington's back, his bloody heart on the tip.

But soon the Screaming Virgins had me cornered. I cringed, covering my ears from their din and steeling myself to be torn asunder.

Then I heard a familiar voice.

"This way, mate."

I turned to a cloud patch. "Harrington? B-b-but I saw you die," I spluttered.

"No time to be picky," the Aussie's ghost pointed out.

I took a huge breath and followed his voice. As I barreled through the gas cloud, one wraith caught up and sank her teeth into the back of my shoulder. I tore off her head with

Just when I thought my lungs would explode, I burst into a clearing. At my feet was a drop of 90 feet to the sea.

Desperate, I launched myself off the cliff.

Yes, I made it through the shark-infested water back to the boat.

The doctors say the Screaming Virgins weren't real. They claim the gases played tricks on my mind. When I showed them the bite mark, they told me it was probably self-inflicted.

When I tell this story in taverns, fortune hunters will often beg me to take them back to the island. Well, maybe someday I'll lead another expedition there — if you show me how a man can bite the back of his own

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